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## Spirit of Giving

# 8-Year-Old Kylie Plowman makes miracles happen

By JAMIE POTE

WILMINGTON - When you are eight years old and it's Christmas Time, naturally you just think about what presents you are going to open. But for Kylie Plowman, it's all about what presents hundreds of children will now get to open because of her incredible thoughtfulness and generosity.

The eight-year-old Wilmington resident had a wish to her "Elf on the Shelf" asking Santa Claus for about \$600 in order to give presents to children, who "won't have presents on Christmas". That gesture, as well as help from her parents and social media, turned into over \$5,000 worth of cash donations, which on Tuesday was divided up to two charities: The Toys for Wilmington Children Program as well as the Boston Children's Hospital.

"I just hope that this kind of passes on so that a lot of people in the world can still be happy," said Kylie during a television interview with CBS-Boston.

Kylie's story has gone viral, and it all started with a simple conversation with her parents, Nate and Melissa.

"Kylie initially told us that she wanted money for Christmas so she could give it to children who 'won't have presents on Christmas'," explained Melissa. "Nate and I thought it was such a sweet gesture, but then didn't think much of it until we found a note she had left for 'Elf' a couple of nights later."

The note to the Elf read: (Sic) "The most helpful thing in the world would be to get \$500-\$600 or more to donate to the children's hospital! I could also use some of it to buy some Christmas gifts to those who didn't get gifts or stuff they need! I'm hoping to hear back from Santa, or edvice from Santa to even about if he thinks this is good idea or not. P.S. I hope I'm not asking for too much, sincerely, Kylie."

Melissa and Nate were really touched by the note, so much so that Melissa posted it

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Wilmington resident Kylie Plowman joined her parents at Children's Hospital to donate over \$2,000 she raised after writing a letter to her Elf on the Shelf. Left to right is Emily McGonigle, Boston Children's Hospital Trust, Nathan Plowman, Kylie Plowman, Melissa Plowman, of Wilmington, and Tara Tonello, Boston Children's Hospital Trust. Courtesy CBS



Evan Walsh, Jacquelyn Warren, Molly Kenney, Lindsay Fontana, Alexandra Kennedy, Ella Gould, Julia Nazzaro, Gianni Parisi sang songs in the Wildwood School's Winter Holiday Concert on Tuesday. Photo by Maureen Brady

## It might take a village (district)

By LISA KENNEDY-COX  
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WILMINGTON - Monday's Board of Selectmen meeting started their Executive Session later than usual bringing the Board out to the public at 7:40 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, an appropriate moment of silence was observed in honor of the lives lost in the Sandy Hook shooting at the elementary school on 3 years to the day, December 14, 2012.

Several items were covered, including approval of common victualer licenses, an update by RMLD, and a discussion of the 2017 budget.

Of particular note, was Director of Planning & Conservation Valerie Gingrich's zoning proposal for the possibility of housing around the General Business District in the Lowell Street area.

The proposal is to change the zoning from Dartmouth Street to the intersection of Lowell Street and Woburn Street nearby to Lucci's Supermarket and Textron in the area known as Perry's Corner once occupied by businesses of the day, for example, a blacksmith and a cobbler, and used as a village.

Gingrich talked to the Board about potential changes that could be made to the bylaw for mixed use, informing the Board that there are not many areas in Town that have places where residents can walk to different businesses,

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Middle School Chorus- Michael Alpers, Dylan Tran and Bobby Dodge sang in the annual holiday concert held on Tuesday evening at WHS. Photo by Maureen Brady

## A tale of two winters

We find out what Mother Nature has in store for the next few months

By LISA KENNEDY-COX  
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WILMINGTON - This year it looks like history will not repeat itself, which is great news for all who braved last year's onslaught of snow and ice.

The Crier spoke with meteorologist Michael Carter from Canada's Weather Network, who provided a comprehensive rundown on what can be expected over the next three months in our region.

Winter will become 'official' in just less than a week, December 21, 11:48 P.M. EST, to be exact, and while hats, gloves, parkas and firewood are being secured, so far, December hasn't been half bad.

While milder than normal weather is expected to dominate December for the

northern half of the country, more typical wintry weather is likely to emerge in January and especially February from the Great Lakes to the Mid-Atlantic States.

"A mild pattern over the rest of December will continue, which will help with travel plans, but that doesn't rule out the potential for a storm or two over the course of the month, says Carter, "but certainly on the whole, things are milder and drier and, the major influence for this is the El Niño pattern."

"We are expecting a little bit of a change in the pattern and a little more of an opportunity for those arctic air masses to begin to make an appearance bringing a colder pattern, but more toward the Great Lakes," said Carter. This forecast places New England more on the periphery, definitely

good news compared to the last two years.

"We'll be back to normal this winter, which will be nice," said Carter, adding the early part will be warmer than the latter part.

"I know you had a couple of crippling years, particularly last year," said Carter, "but we don't expect to see that epic snow fall."

The expected winter weather pattern is partly due to strong El Niño conditions that will leave a large footprint across much of the United States. A significant driver of this year's Winter Forecast, this El Niño event is establishing itself as one of the strongest since 1950.

"Winter will start with typical El Niño characteristics across the country, but unique aspects of this El Niño could make for some

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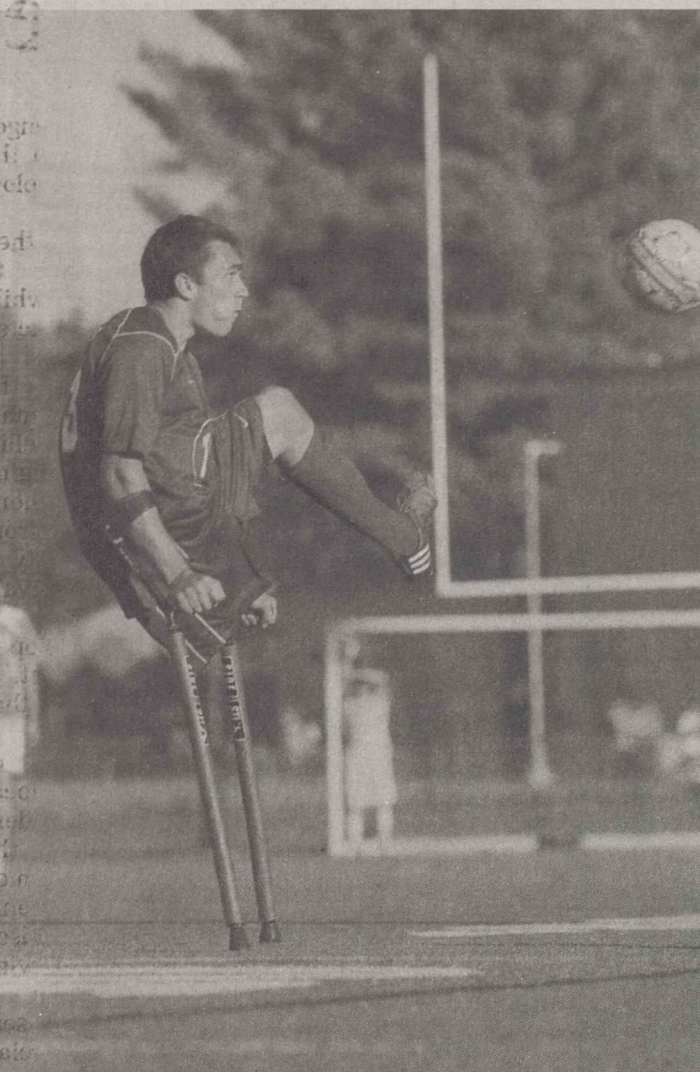


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Understanding Disabilities brings inspirational speaker, Nico Calabria, to the Wilmington Middle School. Courtesy Photo

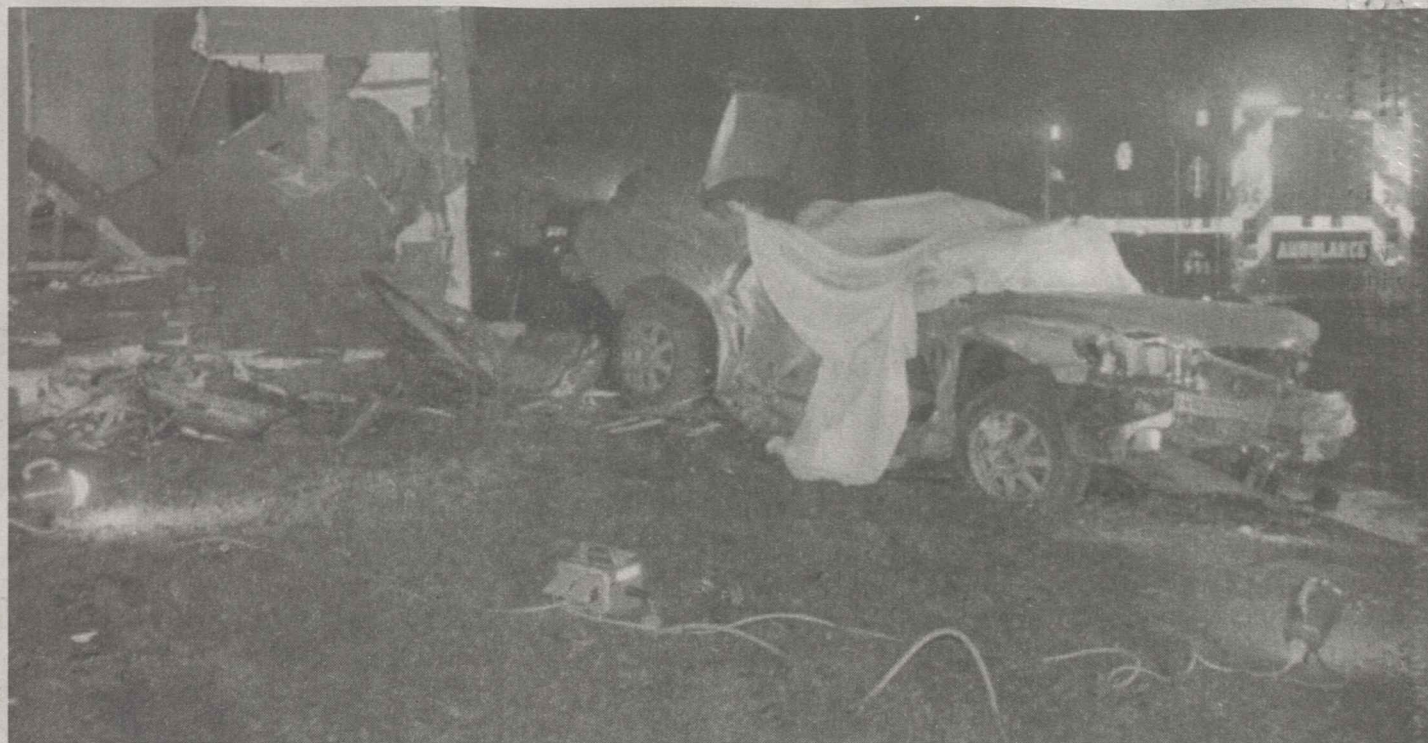
## Understanding Disabilities brings inspirational speaker to Middle School

WILMINGTON - Understanding Disabilities, Inc. announces Nico Calabria will speak to the Sixth Grade class at the Wilmington Middle School on December 21st, 2015. Nico, who was born without his right leg and hip, redefines society's expectations. At 13, he scaled Mount Kilimanjaro - the first person to ever summit the 19,341 ft. mountain on crutches. He is the subject of a short documentary film entitled Nico's Challenge, which received first place at the American Pavilion Film Festival in Cannes. Nico has appeared on the Ellen DeGeneres show, the CBS Evening News, CNN News Room, and has been a guest on National Public Radio's All Things Considered.

Nico is excited about the opportunity to bring his message of inspiration to the middle school students in Wilmington. "As an accomplished young adult he's the ideal role model to articulate the impact of his disability and the important message that we are all the same inside," said Karen Serevitch, Executive Director of Understanding Disabilities, Inc.

A graduate of Concord-Carlisle High School, Nico was co-captain of the varsity wrestling team and a center midfielder on the varsity soccer team - scoring a goal that gained national attention when a video of it received nearly 2 million views on YouTube and the goal was selected as the Play of the Week by ESPN's Sport Center. He also starred in a TV commercial for the Coca-Cola Company, which aired worldwide during the 2014 FIFA World Cup. He currently attends Colorado College, majoring in education, and is working part-time as a motivational speaker.

Understanding Disabilities (UD) is a non-profit organization that has provided disability awareness programming in the Reading Public Schools for 30 years. UD's goal is to teach children to see beyond people's disabilities and to focus on the ways we're all the same inside. For more information on Nico's presentation or on Understanding Disabilities, contact UD at [www.understandingdisabilities.org](http://www.understandingdisabilities.org).



Wilmington resident Erin Beal was killed in this crash. She is survived by her two children and her parents.

## Wilmington resident killed in crash

NORTH READING - The North Reading Police Dept. is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred Friday morning.

At 6 a.m. on Dec. 11, police received a 911 call from Tracy Griswold, the homeowner of 17 Elm St., otherwise known as Route 62, who reported that a vehicle had crashed into their house.

Police and fire departments responded to the scene and found that a Honda sedan, which was driven by a female operator, had crashed into the front, left corner of the home, causing significant damage.

Killed in the crash was Erin Margaret Beal, 39, of Wilmington. She was the sole occupant of the car.

A preliminary investigation indicates that the driver crossed the double yellow line while headed eastbound on Route 62. She then veered off the road-

way, struck a curb and then a tree before careening into the house.

The homeowner, along with two other people, were in the residence at the time of the crash, but no one was injured. The North Reading Building Inspector was on scene to determine if the house was safe to reenter.



Erin Beal, a Wilmington resident, lost her life in a vehicle crash. She is survived by her children and her parents.

The Massachusetts State Police Collision Analysis & Reconstruction Section also responded to assist with the investigation as well as the Office of the State Medical Examiner.

Route 62 was closed in both directions from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. during the initial investigation and recovery efforts.

At this time, the investigation is open and ongoing. Conditions were foggy

and police are looking into whether weather played a part in the crash. The Middlesex District Attorney's Office is also investigating the incident as an unattended death.

"This is a very sad situation where a life was lost suddenly and unexpectedly," North Reading Police Chief Michael P. Murphy said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the victim's family during this difficult time."

Among those surviving Beal are two children and her parents.

Funeral is from the Nichols Funeral Home in Wilmington, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, at noon.

Interment will be in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 4-8 p.m.

Memorial donations in Erin's name may be made to Children's Hospital, Attn: Development Office, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115.



The Butters Row Bridge carries highway over railroad, the recommended work 4 years ago was to replace the bridge and the substandard load carrying capacity and bridge roadway geometry. Estimated cost is around \$1,450,000. photo: BruceHilliard.com

## Butters Row Bridge - a real driving experience

BY LARZ F. NEILSON  
"Here lies lead-foot Midge. Forgot to honk for the Butters Row bridge."  
(From a mock gravestone, by Bob Casey)

Motorists using the Butters Row Bridge usually honk when approaching it. Then they crane their necks to see if someone is coming the other way. The bridge is one lane wide, and when two cars meet, one has to back down.

The road is one of the oldest in town, having served as the road into Wilmington from Woburn, before southern Main Street existed. The first bridge over the railroad was probably built 180 years ago. When the Boston and Lowell Railroad was built in the 1830s bridges were built to carry horse-and-wagon traffic over the tracks. The bridge is less than 100 yards from Main Street.

Most of the bridges along the rail line have been replaced. Wilmington had eight bridges. They have all been replaced and upgraded or removed, all except Butters Row.

The Butters Row bridge has had considerable work done on it, and has been almost completely rebuilt, but it has never been upgraded. It remains as a clunky, narrow wooden bridge carrying more than 1000 cars a day.

Jillian Williams has submitted a letter to the editor this week citing the bridge as structurally deficient. The National Bridge Inventory, she wrote, reports that it has failed its last three inspections, the last in June 2012.

The Butters Row bridge was almost totally rebuilt in 1978, but the design was not upgraded.

The town's interceptor sewer program was underway in April 1978. A company called Masoncraft had the contract to build the sewer line south of Burlington Avenue, following the course of the railroad line. At Butters Row, the contractor simply dug through the bridge approach. The excavation was close enough to the bridge that one abutment

was dislodged and had to be replaced, along with the wooden bridge structure.

Although this would seem to have been the golden opportunity to build a new bridge, that was not in the cards. The contractor was only obligated to replace what was there, and that was what it did.

There was no design or contract for a new bridge, and it would have taken months to design and contract for a modern bridge. One improvement made at the time was the installation of convex "bubble" mirrors allowing motorists to see oncoming traffic. This led George Allen, chairman of the Water and Sewer Commission, to quip that at least we can look at ourselves as we drive over the bridge.

The bridge itself is owned by the state, while the approaches are town road. When the Boston and Maine Railroad went into financial difficulties in the 1950s, bridge repairs became a problem. Eventually, the bridges were all taken over

by the state.

In the 1980s, Rep. Jim Miceli initiated action at the state level to have the bridge replaced. The state DPW drew up plans. But when the proposal went before the town meeting, the residents of Butters Row unanimously rejected them. For some 30 years, there has been no interest expressed in a new bridge, except by motorists who travel the road, waiting in line to cross the bridge, backing down the approaches to let another car pass, and listening to the planks go "thunk" as they drive over the bridge.

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#### HOW THE RICH PAY TAXES



A few years ago, folks were surprised when Warren Buffett told us that his secretary paid a higher rate of taxes than he did. The latest IRS figures from 2012 back him up. On average, the top 1 percent paid 22.83 percent in taxes. The top 0.01 percent paid at the rate of 19.53 percent. And the 0.001 percent—with an AGI

of more than \$62 million—paid 17.6 percent. We are reminded that tax rates for capital gains and dividends went up after 2012; future taxes may be a little more equitable.

#### FILING DEADLINE WILL BE EXTENDED

Good news for next year: the filing deadline for federal taxes has been extended! Why? Because April 15 falls on a Friday, which happens to be Emancipation Day in the District of Columbia, so we all have until April 18 to pay up. But that is Patriot's Day in Massachusetts and Maine, so taxpayers there have until April 19 to file.

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As fifth year anniversary approaches...

# Hearing for last suspect in Maguire murder case

By PATRICK BLAIS

WOBURN - Another year will pass without full closure for John J. Maguire's family and friends, who later this month will mark the fifth anniversary of the veteran Woburn police officer's death during a gun battle at

trying to flee to a getaway car parked on Richard Circle, which is situated amidst a quiet residential neighborhood by the Reading line.

Arthur Cinelli, who is serving time in a federal prison in New York for an unrelated drug conviction, is not

tor in the foiled Kohl's robbery, pled guilty to 22 criminal counts for his role as a lookout during the holdup.

Hanright, whose plea bargain included an admission of guilt for second-degree murder, was subsequently sentenced to life in prison with eligibility for parole in

A day later, the third surviving suspect, Wakefield's Kevin Dingwell, also accepted a plea deal, in which he admitted the DA's office had sufficient evidence to convict him of misleading authorities about Hanright's whereabouts during the chaotic investigation in the

J. McCormick III, not only told reporters after Hanright's sentencing last spring that his client, "has maintained his innocence... and continues to do so", but pledged to rely on the co-conspirator's testimony during trial to bolster his case.

Many of Maguire's relatives and friends have been infuriated by Cinelli's steadfast refusal to plead guilty and give some measure of peace to the slain officer's immediate family, including his widow Desiree.

While giving an impact statement prior to Hanright's sentencing last May, Maguire's wife told Billings that she continues to struggle with the loss of her husband, especially as she reflects back on how close the couple was to moving into their retirement years.

"I often think about all the things that we will not experience as a couple, like enjoying our retirement years, seeing our children marry, becoming grandparents, and much more," she wrote in a statement read by Ryan.

Authorities say when the elder brother learned the hold-up had gone horribly wrong, he contacted a defense attorney, who subsequently agreed to safeguard the cell-phone reportedly used to consult his sibling about pulling off the robbery.

A few months later, federal authorities formally alleged Cinelli, who was at home recuperating from surgery during the night of the blizzard, had given his younger sibling advice about the heist.

In June of 2010, some five months after Cinelli's arrest for conspiring with his younger brother in the Kohl's robbery, prosecutors from the DA's office announced the then 50-year-old had been indicted for holding up Stoneham's Stop & Shop just six weeks before Maguire was murdered.

Investigators say the elder Cinelli, who a month later would undergo hip surgery, is clearly seen on Stop & Shop surveillance video limping to the store entrance, where he purport-

edly stood as his younger brother waved a gun at the store manager and employees inside the business.

Domenic Cinelli then forced the manager to unlock the safe, while employees were instructed to empty its contents.

Authorities say in the hours before the supermarket robbery, Arthur Cinelli's phone was recorded pinging off of various cell-phone towers as he traveled from Ware, N.H. to the vicinity of I-93's exit onto Montvale Avenue.

Stoneham's Stop & Shop is located on Main Street, a short distance from that highway exit.

In the aftermath of Maguire's death, local police and city leaders demanded reforms to the state's parole system, which allowed for Domenic Cinelli's release from prison in 2009 as he was serving three lifetime sentences.

The younger Cinelli's sentence at that time was related to a crime spree in 1985 — when he disappeared from a prison furlough — during which he robbed at least three Boston area businesses, including a Boston jewelry store where a security guard was shot in the chest.

The elder Cinelli also has a lengthy criminal record, including a conviction for the 1981 hold-up of Medford Police Detective Richard McGlynn, who was shot in the chest multiple times while attempting to deposit in a bank security box some \$20,000 in cash from a local liquor store.

Arthur Cinelli was sentenced to 25 years in prison for that violent robbery, but he too was subsequently paroled.



Jack Maguire's Family (l-r) daughter Tara, son Bryan, and wife Desiree, at the tree lighting for Jack Maguire - It's been 5 years since their dad/husband was gunned down outside of Kohl's on Washington St. in Woburn.

Photo by joebrownphotos.com

the scene of a Washington Street jewelry heist.

According to a spokesperson for Middlesex District Attorney (DA) Marian Ryan, a pretrial hearing will convene on Thursday for Newburyport's Arthur Cinelli, who continues to contest charges he helped his brother Domenic Cinelli plot the Dec. 26, 2010 Kohl's robbery that led to Maguire's murder just six months before the father-of-three would retire.

The younger Cinelli was pronounced dead at the crime scene in 2010, when the career criminal stole some \$100,000 in jewelry from the department store in East Woburn during the height of a blizzard on the day after Christmas.

Authorities say Maguire, having already been mortally wounded by Domenic Cinelli, heroically squeezed off a round from his service revolver — the first time he ever discharged his weapon while on-duty in his 34-year career — and downed Cinelli before he could escape.

The felon was reportedly

expected to attend the hearing on Thursday, when prosecutors and defense attorneys are scheduled to discuss motions being filed for another trial related to the Nov. of 2010 robbery of Stoneham's Stop & Shop.

Earlier this year, Ryan personally appeared at the prosecutor's table in Middlesex Superior Court as Wakefield's Scott Hanright, another alleged co-conspirator

25 years.

"By this plea today, the defendant took responsibility for his actions that evening. As the judge said, 'It's a just resolution,'" said Ryan of the sentence imposed by Superior Court Jurist Thomas Billings last May. "This is a first step. It's been a long four-and-a-half years for the family, the police department, and the City of Woburn."

immediate wake of Maguire's murder.

Dingwell, who in exchange for that guilty plea had more serious accessory to robbery indictments against him suspended, is in the midst of serving two years of unsupervised probation. He had been facing a potential decades-long prison sentence.

When Dingwell and Hanright both pled guilty, there was much speculation that Cinelli would follow the same course, especially since both co-conspirators would likely be called as witnesses against him in any subsequent trial.

However, the Newburyport resident's attorney, Edward

## Ballardvale Office Park receives real estate financing

Citizens Bank announced that it has provided a \$56.5 million commercial real estate loan to Investcorp and Griffith Properties to refinance existing debt and for ongoing repositioning of the 550,000-square-foot Ballardvale Office Park in Wilmington.

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### Letters to the editor



## Betsy's Best Bets

by Betsy Woods McGuire

## Be Where You Are

Imagine No Possessions, I Wonder If You Can.

(John Lennon)

For some reason, this year I went out earlier than usual to cut greens and winterberry for Christmas decorating. I'd hate to think the panic brainwashing has affected my firm resistance to racing through the Christmas season.

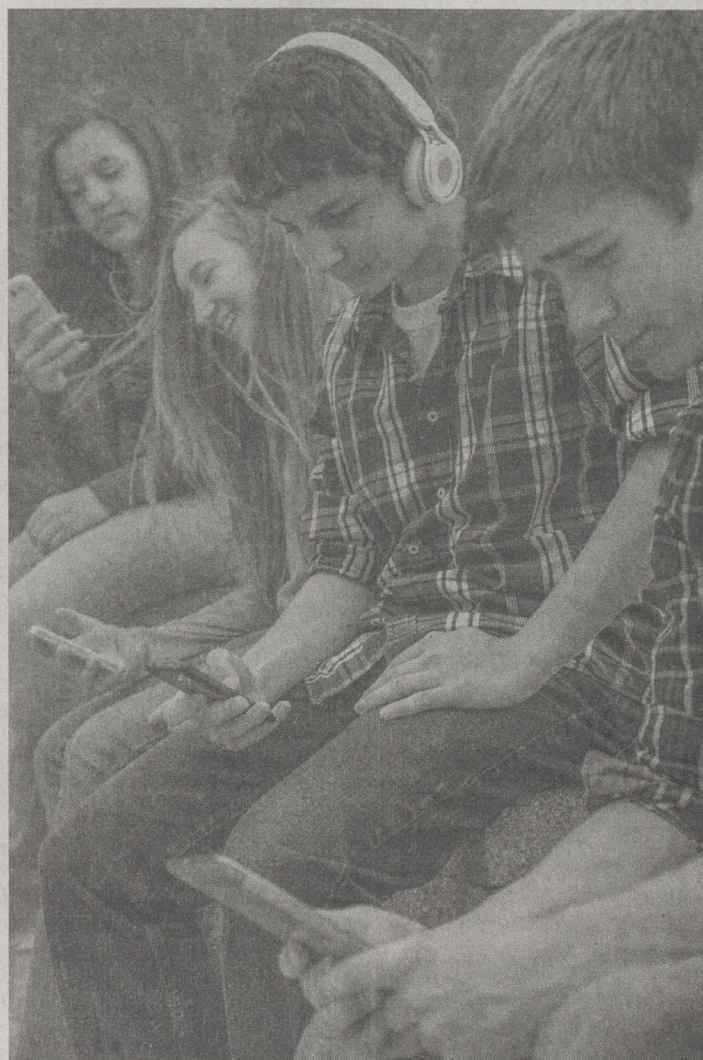
The holiday definitely has flipped forward. Traditionally, Christmas festivities started on Christmas Eve and continued through the twelve days of Christmas. Now, starting before Thanksgiving and ending on the night of December 25th is more typical. Although I can't come up with a good reason why it matters, I don't like the change. But I suppose I should make some effort to stay current and just accept it (sure).

This year several big name stores said NO to opening on Thanksgiving, the latest overblown attempt to get the jump on Black Friday. The sales are exaggerated anyway, but for a lot of consumers, it's more of a social event for insomniacs, much like all those groupies who wait overnight outside stores to buy the latest smart phone.

So here I am, totally out of step with today's world. It's only an hour after sunrise, and while trudging around in the woods and along the roadside searching for greens and dried weeds, I pause to look up at the arresting blue sky - and then glance down at the shimmering frost covering the tall grass underfoot. Free and out-of-touch, I savor the moment.

A little later, leaning against my car with a hot cup of coffee that I just picked up, I'm thinking about how peaceful it is to be outside in the early morning cold - alone. No phone only my thoughts and an ever increasing appreciation of that preference. The faster society spins, the more I retreat, especially during the holidays.

This Christmas I'm thinking of giving everyone on my list two books that have greatly influenced me over the past year. The first one is "The Accidental Universe" by Alan Lightman, a professor at MIT. Among other things, Lightman reminds us that nothing is permanent - even the make-up of the human brain is changing. Neurologically, because of the use of technology, we're becoming half human and half robot. Of course, the book is about much more, and frankly much of the book is over my head, but just that unsettling thought has made me look at our exis-



tence here on earth differently. Since reading his book, Lightman's words cross my mind regularly.

On a different note, "Reclaiming Conversation" by Sherry Turkle, also a professor at MIT, is a book that all of us need to read. Turkle has written several books that point out the downside of our relationship with technology, but her latest book should make you stop and question, "Is it all worth it if we lose our humanity along the way?" In case you haven't noticed, genuine conversation without the interruption of a device is just about dead. Turkle elaborates on the profound negative effect of not looking at each other (eye contact), and not listening or empathizing.

Both books seem to contradict and complement each other at the same time, which is good. Guaranteed, after reading these books (if you care) you'll want to put away your phone, pick your very own brain, and ponder the perplexity of our plight.

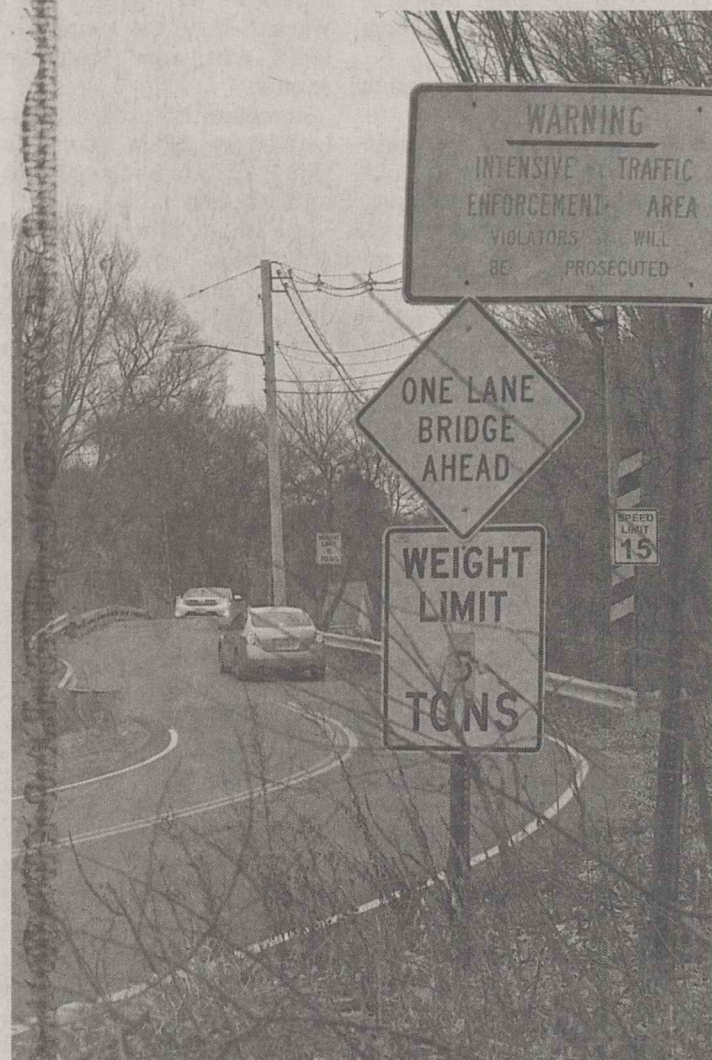
Did you know that there are now "NO DEVICE" camps and vacations - and, "NO DEVICE" dinner parties and

cookouts - and brave souls who collect the phones of guests at the door!

There's a great joke about a gentleman at a social event. He's wearing one of those big fan-shaped collars that vets put around dog's necks. The caption reads: "It keeps me from looking at my phone every two minutes." One more: It's a wedding, the bride and the groom and the maid of honor and best man are all looking at their phones. The clergyman clears his throat. The groom looks up for a split second as if being interrupted and mumbles, "Oh, oh yeah, I do."

Wouldn't it be wonderful to celebrate Christmas the old-fashioned way, giving each other the gift of our full attention - reintroducing wit, wisdom and warmth back into "communicating." It could be rejuvenating - almost like being born again! With the New Year right around the corner, what better time to take the pledge, to salvage your peripheral vision, your attention span, your mind and yes, your humanity.

Betsy can be reached at: [betsymcg@comcast.net](mailto:betsymcg@comcast.net)



The Butters Row Bridge is a one lane bridge made of wood and supported by cement pilings. According to [Uglybridges.com](http://Uglybridges.com), National bridge Inventory data the bridge has not been inspected since 2012, the average daily traffic is about 1,035 cars per day and the deck and superstructure condition was rated at 5 out of 9. The Bridge was constructed in 1920 and reconstructed in 1987.

Photo: Bruce Hilliard.com

## Time to replace Butters Row Bridge

Dear Editor,

In 1987, the Wilmington Town Crier published an article regarding the Butters Row Bridge with a statement from a Department of Public Works official named John Curley claiming that it is so narrow it poses problems when more than one vehicle tried to cross" and that it is also "not a structurally sufficient bridge for today's traffic." Almost 30 years later, nothing has changed.

According to the National Bridge Inventory, the Butters Row Bridge has failed its last three inspections, stating that it is "structurally deficient." Its last inspection took place in June of 2012, and the result of it was the recommendation for "replacement of bridge or other structure because of substandard load carrying capacity or substantial bridge roadway geometry." The bridge is under state jurisdiction, meaning that the Wilmington DPW doesn't

have any control over changes made. Instead, the MassDOT puts structurally deficient bridges on a list called the Accelerated Bridge Program in order to fix it. This is a list the Butters Row Bridge needs to be on.

The bottom line is that the poor design of the bridge is not only unsafe, but also causes traffic. The purpose of the bridge is to provide a shortcut from the traffic in the center of town, yet there is no way to avoid it when traffic does get built up because the bridge is only one lane. Although the traffic during construction of a new bridge may be tough to deal with, it would certainly be inevitable if the bridge were to fall down. Our town is in need of change and a new Butters Row Bridge is the perfect place to start.

Sincerely,

Jillian Williams  
Wilmington

**Editor's Note:** According to a spokesperson for the Mass DOT the Butters Row Bridge was built in 1920 and rebuilt in 1987. It is a three span timber bridge, with steep approaches on both sides, 28 feet long, and curb-to-curb width is only 13.5 feet, which is why only one lane of traffic can travel at a time. MassDOT owns and maintains the bridge, but not the adjacent roadway. Convex mirrors have been installed on either side of the bridge so motorists can see vehicles approaching from the other side.

The bridge is weight posted for 5 tons, meaning no vehicle over 5 tons may use the bridge.

The bridge is rated 5 - Fair for the Deck and the Superstructure and rated a 6- Satisfactory for the substructure. The bridge is inspected on a two-year cycle and has been rate posted since 02/15/1999. The rating, according to MassDOT, is due to the design and materials used.

The best option for a wearing surface on the timber decking is asphalt-rubber surface treatment with aggregate cover. In July 2014 MassDOT overlaid the wearing surface.



## Letters to the editor

## Substance abuse happens close to home

Dear Editor,

The issue of opioid use is no doubt one which weighs on all our minds. Thankfully, the stigma surrounding users is dissipating leaving room for more people to share their stories. Many are tragic and some are inspiring. Thanks to the efforts of our town leaders, many tales of struggle, hardship, relapse, loss, or recovery are pouring out into the open and wounds are beginning to heal. However, the culture of substance abuse extends beyond just a few families and individuals suffering the effects of drug addiction and into a much broader culture of substance abuse within our community in general.

I have abused marijuana excessively in my life. I have been treated for addiction and mental illness while narcissistically downplaying the effects my choices were having on my parents and younger brother. I hung around bums who grew up smoking and drinking with their parents, buying or selling drugs for them, etc. ! These are kids, now adults, who were incubated in an environment that promotes

this. And those dark corners of our community, whether we want to believe it or not, were incubated in the community as a whole. These things don't simply happen out of the blue. They are collective failures that can only be mended by collective resolve

I am writing to tell you, Wilmington, to stop ignoring this problem. If we continue to let a few minds fester and turn sour, this culture will spread. Don't just talk to your children; don't just whisper to your neighbor. Talk openly and loudly about what you see to everyone you know and love. Share your story, no matter what experiences you have had with drug abuse. Whether you are an addict, a parent of one, or whether you know someone who is struggling, you have got to spill the beans. Only when the problem is out of the dark and into the light can we as a community begin to tackle and solve it.

Colin MacEacheron  
Wilmington

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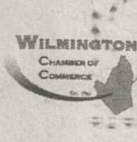
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## Miceli Votes in Favor of Solar Energy Legislation, Lifting Net-Metering Cap

(BOSTON) Representative James Miceli, along with a majority of his colleagues in the House of Representatives, voted in favor of legislation that immediately inflates the net-metering cap, setting the course for Massachusetts to reach its future solar energy goals. The bill in question aims to provide a foundation from which the state's thriving solar industry may continue to prosper, while reducing burdens on ratepayers themselves, said Miceli's Chief of Staff David Robertson in a statement. The bill's passage raises the cap by two percent for both public and private facilities, resulting in a 44 percent increase of the overall cap. The legislation also specifies that the Department of Public Utilities must work to alleviate utility costs for solar producing consumers by establishing a fair minimum

bill. "The sustainability of the Massachusetts renewable energy industry has been a potent point of discussion on Beacon Hill, and the favorable votes of Representative Miceli and his counterparts in the House serve to bolster the state economy while at the same time providing an adequate framework for future solar development," wrote Robertson. As a result of the vote, many net metering projects currently in development will be pushed forward, strengthening the solar industry and guaranteeing that it will not grind to a standstill. In addition to raising the cap, this legislation acknowledges a comprehensive set of solar goals, with Massachusetts aiming to develop 1600 megawatts (MW) of solar power by 2020. In another victory for advocates of solar power, the

legislation includes language which permits net-metering projects connected to the grid before the 1,600 megawatt goal is reached to be grandfathered in under existing incentive programs. This will substantially benefit solar producers and promote the continued proliferation of solar power. The positive changes induced by the passage of the solar bill supplement the extensive incentives which are offered to Massachusetts citizens and businesses seeking to invest in solar power. Despite pushback from those who are critical of the bill, its passage in the House represents a positive step forward in the movement to encourage transitions to renewable energy sources. Representative Miceli will work closely with his colleagues in the House to draft and pass and omnibus energy bill later in the session.

## Dunn enrolls at Tufts University

This fall more than 1,300 undergraduate students from around the world began their first year at Tufts University, located in Medford/Somerville, Mass. They include Kevin Dunn, of Wilmington, MA. Tufts University, located on three Massachusetts campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Founded in 1852, Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.

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# Let's Hear it!!

## Your Two Cents...

### Thumbs up for Post Office Greeting Cards



While standing in line at the PO, I had a chance to browse the greeting cards that the Wilmington Post Office has for sale. The selection is excellent and so are the graphics and sentiments. If you like to send greeting cards, this selection should not be overlooked.

### Keep Christ in Christmas



I recently attended a winter program at one of the elementary schools in town. I was disappointed that not one of the songs sung celebrated Christmas—no traditional Christmas music or carols. Songs celebrating other traditions and cultures, however, were sung. I am all for teaching our children about other cultures; however, not at the expense of our own. Wilmington is steeped in Christian values, culture, and tradition. One of the songs should have reflected that. Let's keep Christ in Christmas!  
- Wilmington

### Inclusive Holiday displays



Kudos to the Town of Tewksbury for displaying a menorah in celebration of Hanukkah on the town common.



### Letters to the editor

### Thanks to businesses from Strings Attached

Dear Editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to send a "SPECIAL THANK YOU TO BUSINESSES" in Wilmington and surrounding towns who continuously support "Strings Attached". Special thanks to Harrow's Chicken Pies and Christopher's Restaurant both of Reading. A thank you, also to Mahoney's Garden Center in Winchester, Tewksbury and Woburn. In North Reading, thank you to Joe's Fish and Horseshoe Grille. Of course, a VERY SPECIAL THANKS, to our Wilmington businesses, Dunkin Donuts in East Gate Plaza, Pacific Grove, Elias Country Store, Starbucks, As Good As It

Gets Café. Also, we would like to thank Pizza Mia, Design By Don and Target. These companies have made donations of product and/or gift certificates to be put in gift baskets, which were raffled at the High School Concert on Monday, Dec 1st and the Middle School Concert on Monday, Dec 8th. WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU! Please support these businesses that continuously come back "time and again" to provide donations to our town's programs. Happy Holidays! Best Regards, Kathy O'Brien - Fund Raiser Chairperson Strings Attached Parent Support Group

### Cancer survivor speaks out

To the editor:

This holiday season, my wish list is short: all I want for Christmas is for the Massachusetts legislature to pass legislation that would protect our youth from the dangers of cancer causing UV radiation.

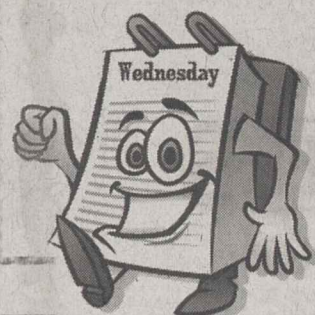
Scientific research shows the use of indoor tanning devices before age 35 increases a person's odds of developing melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, by a whopping 59 percent!

As a cancer survivor, I know how devastating this disease can be. I urge lawmakers to take action on the hazards of indoor tanning and support legislation which would prevent minors under 18 from using an indoor tanning device. An

estimated 220 people in our state will die this year due to skin cancer. Just as we protect our youth from the hazards of cigarettes and alcohol, Massachusetts has the opportunity and responsibility to protect them from the dangers of indoor tanning as well.

There is no time like the present, and what better gift can we give the youth of Massachusetts this holiday season than the gift of health?

I urge Representative James Miceli to support Senate Bill 1229 when it comes to a vote. Nancy Doucette American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), volunteer Tewksbury



# Community Calendar

send your item to:

**Calendar@YourTownCrier.com**

### Knights of Columbus Team Trivia

Friday, December 18 from 8 PM-10 PM

Team Trivia is open to anyone 21+ in the Smoke-Free Members' Lounge. Bring snacks and friends. Teams can range from 1-6 players and there is never a fee. 1st and 2nd prizes are awarded nightly.

Friday, Dec. 25-No karaoke  
Friday, Jan. 1-No trivia

### Families Anonymous

Every Thursday at 7 PM United Methodist Church Families Anonymous is a worldwide 12-step recovery program.

Families Anonymous is a support program for people whose lives are affected by the use of mind-altering substances or related behavioral problems of a relative or friend. No dues or fees are required for membership. First names only are used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. Advanced notice is not necessary to attend a meeting. Visitors are welcome. For information or questions about this meeting, call 978-973-5645 or 978-408-1646 or email fa.wilmington@hotmail.com. For information about the Families Anonymous program, please visit [www.familiesanonymous.org](http://www.familiesanonymous.org).

### Wilmington United Methodist Church Christmas Tree Lot

Thursdays from 4 PM-8 PM

Fridays: 4 PM-8 PM

Saturdays: 9 AM-8 PM

Sundays: 10 AM-6 PM

Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church Street

Tree sales benefit the church's Outreach Committee. This year, Habitat for Humanity's "Methodist House" project in Lowell will be the recipient of the majority of sales proceeds. The following agencies/programs will also benefit if total sales allow: Wilmington Food Pantry,

Mission of Deeds in Reading, the Dwelling Place, which is a community table in Woburn, St. Paul's Soup Kitchen in Lowell, and Access is Mandatory in Wilmington.

### Wilmington Dance Academy Holiday Black Light Party

Saturday, December 19 from 6 PM-9 PM

Wilmington Dance Academy

The party will include dancing under the black lights, games, holiday music, glow in the dark nail polish & face paint, and holiday snacks. Make sure to wear white or fluorescent colors. Parents can get last minute shopping done. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the studio office or by calling WDA at 978-253-4598. The event is \$25 per child and is open to anyone in first grade or above.

### First Annual Wilmington Knights of Columbus Spicy & Sweet Night

Friday, January 29 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Wilmington Knights of Columbus, 112 Middlesex Ave. Member's Lounge Back Entrance

The Chili Cooks are: "The Vagrants", Gianna, Ann Kavanaugh, Jackie Fitzgerald-Robeiro and Robert Cimeno. For the dessert contest, simply bring your favorite dessert and cut it into small pieces for everyone to sample. The winner of both the Chili Cook off & Dessert contest will receive a prize. Feel free to bring snacks and dinner along to accompany your Chili and Dessert, but no beverages. For more details, please contact Lisa at 978-604-7518 or [misslisak@verizon.net](mailto:misslisak@verizon.net).

### Annual Comedy Night

Friday, February 5  
Tewksbury/Wilmington

Elks, 777 South Street

Comedy Night is sponsored by the Wilmington Sons of Italy and WHS Band Doors open at 8:00 and show starts at 9:00 featuring 3 comedians from Boston's Comedy Connection. Entry is \$20 per person and a cash bar will be available. Bring your own snacks. A silent auction and raffles will be held. Proceeds go to benefit scholarship funds of both organizations. This event is always a sell-out! To reserve your tickets, call Kevin at 978-657-7734.

### WHS Class of 1976 Plans a 40th Reunion

Saturday, May 14, 2016

The reunion will be at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks and will begin outdoors in the "Grove" at 4 PM, weather permitting. Otherwise, if raining, the party begins inside at 6 PM to 11 PM. Tickets are \$35 per person. For more info, please contact Class President, Rosie Wallent at [rosiewallent@hotmail.com](mailto:rosiewallent@hotmail.com) or call 978-658-7376. Official invitations will be emailed out by December 1. The reunion is open to other classmates of mid-1970's classes. Also visit Wilmington High School Class of 1976 on Facebook for details and updates.

### Tewksbury:

### Festival of Trees at the Tewksbury Public Library:

Viewing- Saturday, December 5-Saturday, January 2 during library hours

Holiday hours vary. To find library hours, visit [tewksburypl.org](http://tewksburypl.org) or call 978-640-4490.

### Tewksbury Country Club Santa Day

Sunday, December 20 from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM  
Tewksbury Country Club,

1180 Main Street

Santa Day will include hot chocolate, cookies, a visit from Santa, and more.

### Tewksbury Lions Club Meeting

Wednesday, December 23 from 7:00 PM-Midnight  
TJ Callahan's Pub, 1475 Main Street

Join the Tewksbury Lions in making a difference in the community. The club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month and meetings are free to attend.

### Tewksbury Country Club New Years

Thursday, December 31  
Tewksbury Country Club, 1180 Main Street

The Brian Weeks Trio will be featured and all your favorite dishes will be available from the Tew-Mac Tavern menu in addition to an extensive selection of New Year's Eve Chef's Specials. Reserve your table now by calling 978-640-0033.

### Billerica:

### A Night Out with Jim Plunkett

Saturday, January 16 from 7:00 PM-Midnight

Billerica Elks, 14 Webb Brook Road

This fundraiser is sponsored by the Shawsheen Tech PAC. You must be 21 years or older to attend. Bring your own snacks for your table. A cash bar will be available. General admission is \$20 and tables of 10 can be reserved for \$200. Tickets won't be sold at the door. They can be purchased at the PAC meeting on the first Tuesday night of every month. You can also order tickets by emailing [amymichaud@hotmail.com](mailto:amymichaud@hotmail.com) or calling 978-851-8501 or 978-821-8624. All proceeds go to the All Night Graduation Party.



# Wilmington United Methodist Church has several important activities and events


On Tuesday evenings in January, the Wilmington United Methodist Church will offer parenting classes created by Active Parenting Publishers and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Video, discussion and activities make for a fast-paced workshop. The programs are usually divided into three 90-minute sessions. It uses entertaining video scenes to demonstrate common parenting challenges and solutions. Each workshop allows plenty of time for group discussion and activities.

Childcare is available on request.  
1, 2, 3, 4 Parents! - for parents of children ages 1-4; January 5, 12, 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm  
Active Parenting Now - for parents of children ages 5-12; January 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb 2 from 7:00-8:30 pm  
Active Parenting of Teens :) - January 5, 12, 19, 26 and Feb 2nd from 7:00-8:30 pm.  
Also the WUMC announced it will be selling Christmas trees at the church beginning Friday, November 27. Tree sales benefit the church's Outreach

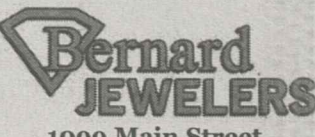
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The Garden Club Girls" enjoying the festivities at the Tewksbury Town Hall ribbon cutting and reception. The Garden Club was created in 1969 and most of these women have been friends and fellow club member since. In photo: Marsha Leadbury, Luann O'Keefe, Judy Dziadosz, Louise Gearty, Donna Haines, Barbara Chandler, Rita O'Brien Dee and Todd Johnson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, stands with them.  
BruceHilliard.com

## Teen convicted in rape, murder of high school math teacher

SALEM, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts teenager was convicted Tuesday of raping and killing his high school math teacher when he was 14.

Philip Chism followed his ninth-grade algebra teacher, Colleen Ritzer, into a school bathroom, strangled her, stabbed her at least 16 times and raped her.

Chism, now 16, was convicted of a raping Ritzer inside the bathroom but was acquitted of a second rape, committed with a tree branch in woods near the school where Chism put her body. He was also convicted of armed robbery for stealing Ritzer's credit cards and her underwear.

Chism stared straight ahead and did not have any visible reaction as the verdicts were read in Salem Superior Court. His mother declined to talk to reporters as she left the courthouse.

Standing later with the district attorney that prosecuted the case, Ritzer's parents said the verdicts mark a new phase in their lives in which they hope to honor their 24-year-old daughter's legacy.

"This guilty verdict, while the beginning of justice for Colleen, is certainly no cause for celebration as there can never be true justice for the crime committed," said Thomas Ritzer, her father. "There remains a tremendous absence in our lives, one that sadly can never be replaced."

The family, he added, will still be reminded of the crimes as Chism appeals the case and is eligible for parole at some point. "We will carry on and do our very best to find the good in every day," said Peggie Ritzer, the victim's mother.

During the trial, his lawyer admitted Chism killed Ritzer, but said he was suffering from severe mental illness and was not criminally responsible for his actions. A psychiatrist who testified for the defense said Chism was hearing voices and in the throes of a psychotic episode when he killed Ritzer.

Ritzer was a popular teacher at Danvers High School, about 25 miles north of Boston, doing her dream job, teaching math, Assistant District Attorney Kate MacDougall told jurors

in her opening statement. Ritzer was a lifelong resident of Andover and known by many residents in neighboring communities.

On Oct. 22, 2013, Ritzer asked Chism to stay after school. Another student who also stayed late that day testified that Ritzer tried to engage Chism — a student who had recently moved to Massachusetts — in talk about how his new community compared with his old town of Clarksville, Tennessee. The student said Chism became visibly upset and Ritzer eventually changed the subject.

A short time later, Ritzer left the classroom. Jurors were shown chilling surveillance video that showed Ritzer walking down the hallway to the bathroom. Seconds later, Chism is seen poking his head out of her classroom and looking down the hall.

He then goes back into the classroom, but comes right back out with his hood on. Chism is then shown putting on a pair of gloves as he walks into the bathroom. Minutes later, he is shown emerging from the bathroom carrying the black pants Ritzer was wearing.

A bloody box cutter, mask, gloves and a hooded sweatshirt were later found in his backpack by police who found Chism walking beside a highway in neighboring Topsfield.

Chism's lawyers had said he should be acquitted of the rape in the woods, arguing Ritzer was already dead by then. Prosecutors, however, had said Chism did not deliver the fatal stab wounds to her neck until he brought her outside.

Chism was tried as an adult. He faces life in prison on the first-degree murder charge. As a juvenile, he cannot receive a life sentence without parole following decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court and the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. Adults convicted of first-degree murder in Massachusetts automatically receive life without parole.

Judge David Lowy set a status hearing for Dec. 22 to discuss sentencing.

Chism's lawyers are also expected in court in Boston on Wednesday as he faces

separate charges of attempted murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon after he allegedly attacked a state Department of Youth Services worker in June 2014 while awaiting trial.

Prosecutors in that case say Chism had been in custody at a youth detention facility in Boston when he followed a female worker into a locker room. They say he choked and beat her before other workers intervened. The unnamed worker suffered injuries to her face, jaw, neck and back.

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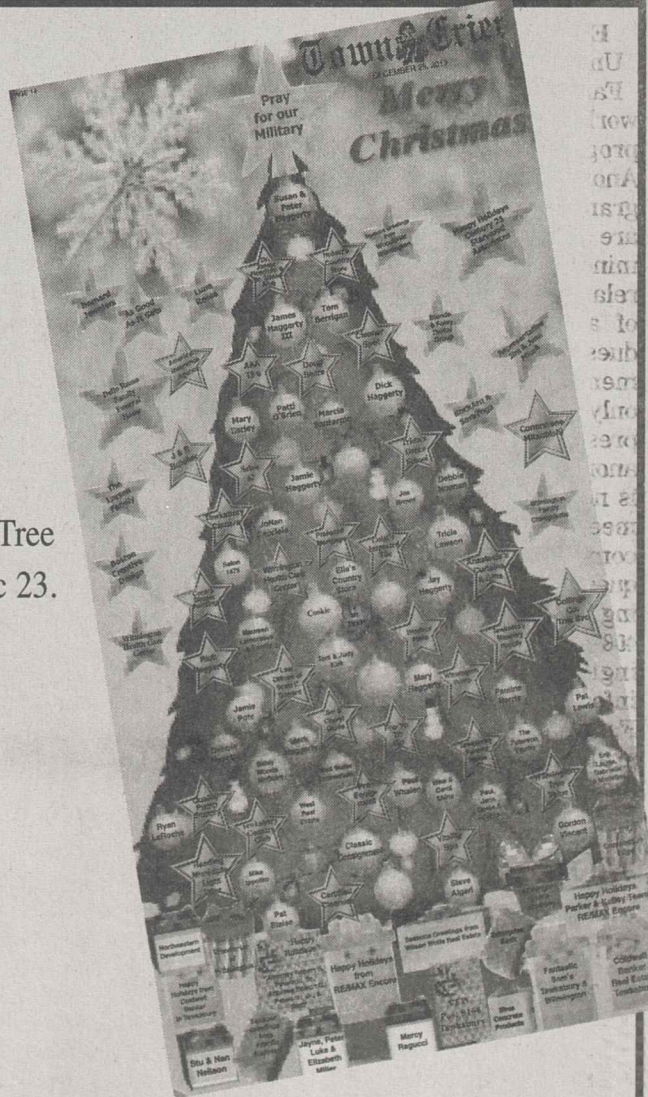
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# OBITUARIES

## Erin Margaret Beal

Wilmington native

WILMINGTON - Erin Margaret Beal, age 39, of Wilmington, passed away unexpectedly on December 11, 2015.

Erin was born on October 10, 1976 in Boston, MA; she was the cherished only child of Albert Ronald "Ron" and Patricia A. (Haskell) Beal. Erin was raised and educated in Wilmington.

Erin will be remembered as a loving mother, daughter, niece and friend. She will be missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Erin was the devoted mother of Christina Aileen Powell and Robert Albert Powell, both of Wilmington, cherished daughter of Albert Ronald and Patricia



A. (Haskell) Beal of Wilmington, dear niece of Ann Smith of Sharon, Mary Mahoney-Keenan of Raynham and David Edmonds of Naples, FL. Erin is also survived by many cousins and friends.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, at 12:00 noon. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours were held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 15th from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Memorial donations in Erin's name may be made to Children's Hospital, Attn: Development Office, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

## Jean E. Francois

WILMINGTON - Jean E. Francois, age 62, of Wilmington, passed away on December 7, 2015, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Jean was the beloved husband of Jocelyne (Beauzile) Francois, devoted father of Nelly Francois and Jeff Francois all of Wilmington, cherished son of the late Anenor Francois and Veronica Etheart, dear brother of Raymond Dorsainville & his wife Axionne, Serge Francois, Marie Josette Francois, Leonce Francois & his wife Suzette, Daniel Francois & his wife Gladys, Anenor Francois & his wife Midlene, Jean Louis Auguste Francois, Luckner Francois & his wife Monette, Isna Francois, Yvette Francois, Marielle Francois and, son-in-law of Marie Carmelie Villefranche Bauzile, broth-



er-in-law of Jean Robert Beauzile & his wife Edmonde.

Jean is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and was very special to the Francois family, the Beauzile family, the Villefranche family, the Desir family, the Guerrier family, the Supplice family,

the Dorsainville family, the Phanor family, the Benjamin family, the Tibule family, the Darbuzé family, the Kedo family, the Jeudi family, the Raymond family and the Simon family.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Friday, December 18th from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 70 Concord Road, Billerica, MA on Saturday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Memorial donations in Jean's name may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

## Jean H. Quinlan

Instructor for J. T. Berry Rehabilitation Center; CEO of Quinlan Clan

READING - Jean H. (Baker) Quinlan - 90, of Reading, formerly of North Reading, died peacefully at her home on Saturday, December 12, 2015. She was the loving wife of the late Leo F. Quinlan.

Born in Boston, MA on July 25, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Harlan and Kathleen (Homewood) Baker. Jean was a graduate of St. Ann's High School in Arlington. She was an Instructor for the John T. Berry Rehabilitation Center in North Reading and also for private clients for the mentally and physically challenged in various cities. She was a resident of Reading for the past 20 years and a former resident of North Reading for 39 years. She was a member of St. Theresa's Church in North Reading and St. Maria Goretti in Lynnfield.

Jean Quinlan, no matter how complicated and difficult her own life might be at certain times, she was committed to various causes and a set of principles she lived by. She was deeply rooted in her faith, which guided all of her life decisions. Always people and service-centered, she was a long-time Catholic, and participated in the church in many ways. She was a Eucharistic Minister and a Carmelite. She believed in Ecumenical and Interfaith work that lead to active involvement in programs and councils.

She was a civil rights activist, and in the 1960's created a "Coffee House" program at Saint Theresa's in North Reading to bring together white and African American residents to learn to get past their differences by hosting speakers and exploring issues. She was committed to cross-cultural



and inter-religious values. She carried this work forward into the new century. She supported the works of the Poor Clares and went on frequent retreats at the House of Prayer in Gloucester, MA. She was familiar with the great Christian thinkers with a strong connection to Thomas Merton and travelled to see his hermitage with a friend, a highlight of her life. Other highlights for her included seeing Desmond Tutu in person at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and visiting an ashram in India as part of her Interfaith work. She followed the works of visionary architect Buckminster Fuller, and volunteered at a special Montessori School in Roxbury Mass to help underserved children find their place in the world. She, alongside her beloved husband Lee, stayed true to beliefs, sometimes at great personal risk and challenge. She believed in taking the high road. She was a progressive liberal and steward of the planet.

Most important to her, she was the founding mother and CEO of the Quinlan Clan. Together with her husband Lee, they fulfilled a dream of having a large family. Holidays were big and camping trips were arranged annually. Jean

always had time for her children and grandchildren and felt her family was the center of her life. She also had time for many close friends and was never hurried when listening to whomever she was with. Jean was a world traveler, family chronicler, photographer and archivist, baker of snicker doodles.

Family members include her loving sons, Tim Quinlan of Graniteville, VT, Steve Quinlan and wife Carol Glover of Santa Fe, NM and David Quinlan and wife Nila Loftis of San Carlos, CA; daughters, Joyce Vasapoli and husband Jack and Linda Click and her late husband Bill, all of North Reading; Robbin Godding and husband George of Manchester-By-The-Sea, MA, Nancy Quinlan of Methuen and Terrey Quinlan and husband Nelson Wolfe of San Francisco, CA; her sister, Joyce Cassinari; 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; former daughters-in-law, Linda Whelan and Diana Ferguson.

Her funeral will be held from the Croswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow St., North Reading on Friday, Dec. 18 at 9:15 AM, followed by a 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter St. (Rt. 62), North Reading. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17 from 4 to 8 PM. Burial will be in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Peabody. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in her memory to: Poor Clares, 445 River Road, Andover, MA 01810, Eastern Point Retreat House (House of Prayer), 37 Niles Point Road, Gloucester, MA 01930 or to Carmelite Gift Shop and Chapel, 210 Andover St., North Shore Mall, Peabody, MA 01960.

## William E. Moakley

Electronics engineer supervisor for the Polaroid; US Navy veteran

WILMINGTON - William E. Moakley, age 80, of Wilmington, died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on December 11, 2015.

Bill was born on October 9, 1935 in Lexington, MA; he was the dear son of the late Robert P. and Mary E. (Peake) Moakley. Bill lived with his family in Keene, NH for several years before moving to Billerica where he was raised and educated.

Bill enlisted in the U. S. Navy Reserves, serving with the Sea Bees before being called up for active service on November 29, 1955. Bill served overseas during his tour of duty before being honorably discharged on November 8, 1957.

Following his return from the Navy, Bill was out an about Wilmington when he met the "love of his life" Theresa Malloy at Rocco's Restaurant. Bill and Terry were soon inseparable; the couple married in 1958 and settled in Wilmington in 1962 to raise their family. Bill was a wonderful husband, dad, and grampa; his love and support for his family was always unconditional.



Bill and Terry shared many great times with family and friends throughout their 57 years together; these will be memories that will be treasured for years to come.

Bill worked hard to provide for his family; he was employed as an electronics engineer supervisor for the Polaroid Company for many years. He was an excellent employee and made many friends within the company.

In his spare time, Bill enjoyed reading and gardening; he enjoyed working in his yard and was known to have a "green thumb" when it came to his gardens.

Bill was an avid Boston Sports fan, who loved to follow all of his favorite teams throughout the year.

Bill will be remembered as a quiet guy, hardworking, and loyal; he loved his family and friends with all his heart and he will be greatly missed.

Bill was the beloved husband of Theresa J. (Malloy) Moakley, devoted father of John Moakley & his wife Varsha of Florida, William Moakley, Richard Moakley, and the late Kathleen Moakley all of Wilmington. Loving "Grampa" of Mark, Rachel, Ryan, and Aliyana. Dear son of the late Robert P. and Mary E. (Peake) Moakley. Brother of Fred, Robert, James, Miriam, Mary Jane, Margaret, the late Patrick, Rena, Joseph, and Julia. William is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, December 14th for Visitation from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Immediately followed by a Funeral Service at 12:30 p.m. Interment with Military Honors followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. [www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## Ann Spring

Member Wilmington United Methodist Church; Women's Club, Skirts & Flirts

WILMINGTON - Ann Spring (Branscombe), age 82, a life-long resident of Wilmington, died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on December 12, 2015.

Ann was born on September 24, 1933; she was the cherished daughter of the late Elmer and Irene (Sumner) Branscombe. Ann was raised and educated in Wilmington and a graduate of Wilmington High School with the Class of 1951. Ann was proud of having a perfect attendance record throughout her school years and being a National Honor Society Member upon graduation.

Ann married her beloved husband Walker in 1955; the couple shared 60 wonderful years together and raised three terrific sons David, Douglas, and Dana. Ann's love and support for her family was unconditional; she was a devoted wife, mother, and grandma; cherishing each role. Ann made a beautiful home for her family, she always had an open door policy and made everyone feel welcomed.

Ann was a woman of unending talents; she could create crafts of any kind, knit, crochet, paint, she made beautiful needlepoints, and was an incredibly talented seamstress who could whip up curtains or a new outfit in no time. Ann was also known to have a "green



thumb" and was an avid gardener; she loved flowers of all kinds and had beautiful little gardens throughout her yard.

In her spare time, Ann loved to read especially mystery novels and she enjoyed square dancing with Walker as members of the "Skirts and Flirts" square dancing club in Wilmington and the Jekyll Island Squares in Georgia during winter vacations.

Ann was a woman of great faith and a very active member of the Wilmington United Methodist Church. Ann enjoyed helping out at church whenever needed and loved to participate in the Women's Circle.

Ann helped a great deal with community projects and was one of the longest serving members of the Wilmington Women's Club; recently earning her 50 year membership.

Ann was a very sweet lady

who will be fondly remembered for her kindness towards others. Ann will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Ann was the beloved wife of Walker C. Spring, devoted mother of David Spring of Plaistow, NH, Douglas Spring & his wife Diane of Phillipston, MA, and Dana Spring of North Andover. Loving "Grammy" of Britni, Brandon, Jessica, and Justin Spring. Cherished daughter of the late Elmer and Irene (Sumner) Branscombe, dear sister of Robert Branscombe & his wife Nora of Wilmington. Ann is also survived by several brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and many dear friends.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours on Monday, December 14th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington. Ann's Funeral Service was held at the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, December 15th at 11:00 a.m. Interment to followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. In lieu of flowers donations in Ann's memory may be made to the Wilmington United Methodist Church, [www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## Treble Chorus of New England holding auditions

Treble Chorus of New England is currently training Young Voices-Building a Strong Community and will be holding auditions for the 2016 season for January. The

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# Lifestyle

## Rodeo returns to Shriners Auditorium

THE WAIT IS OVER!!! After ten years the Rodeo is returning to Wilmington Shriners Auditorium for 4 shows in May with over 5 World Cup bull champions along with trick riding, barrel racing, rodeo clowns, child participation for all VIP seating.

There will be 20 bulls and a special horse show, and country bands. Local boys and girls (of all ages) are invited to participate in the "best dressed cowboy and cowgirl" contest! Come hungry because we'll have a full food line and merchandising booths for all the souvineers you want. Kids and family that's what we represent!!

It will be an honor to bring to the people of Wilmington

the 3 time Bull Rider Champion Massachusetts born KENNY CHURCHILL to host the event.

VIP seating limiteds.

Looking for that perfect stocking stuffer for your favorite kid or Mom or Dad? Please visit our tickets locations:

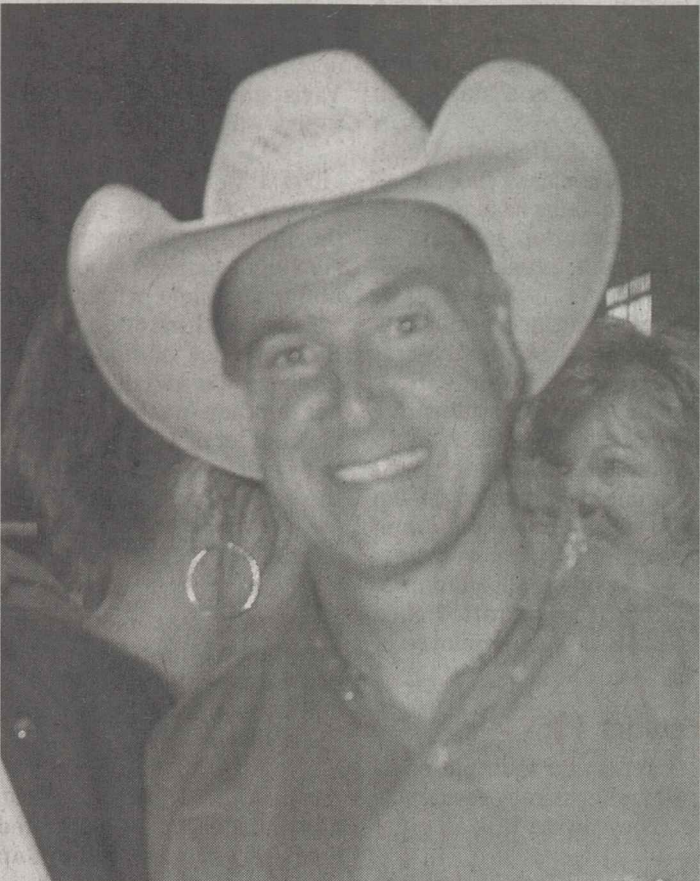
As Good As It Gets restaurant 163 Lowell St. - (Rt 129 @ Rt 38) Wilmington

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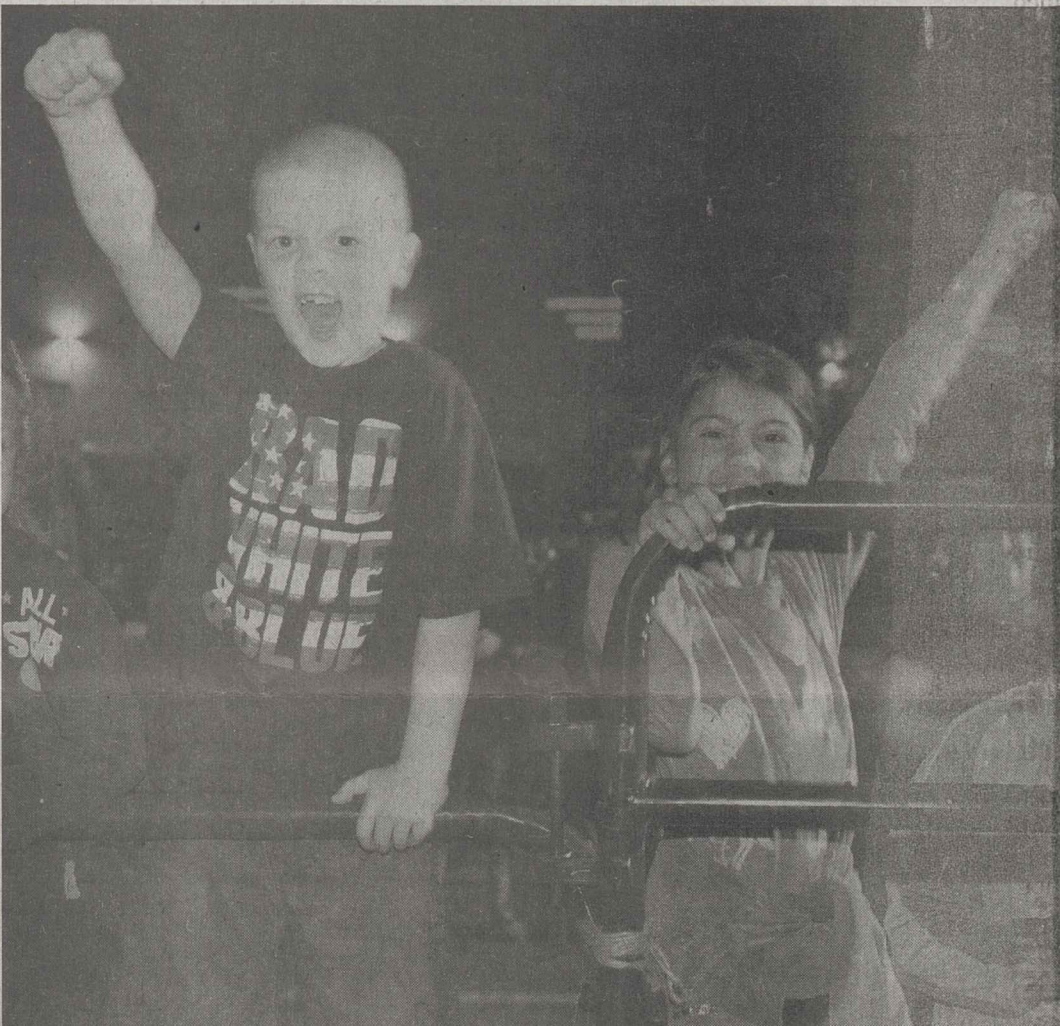
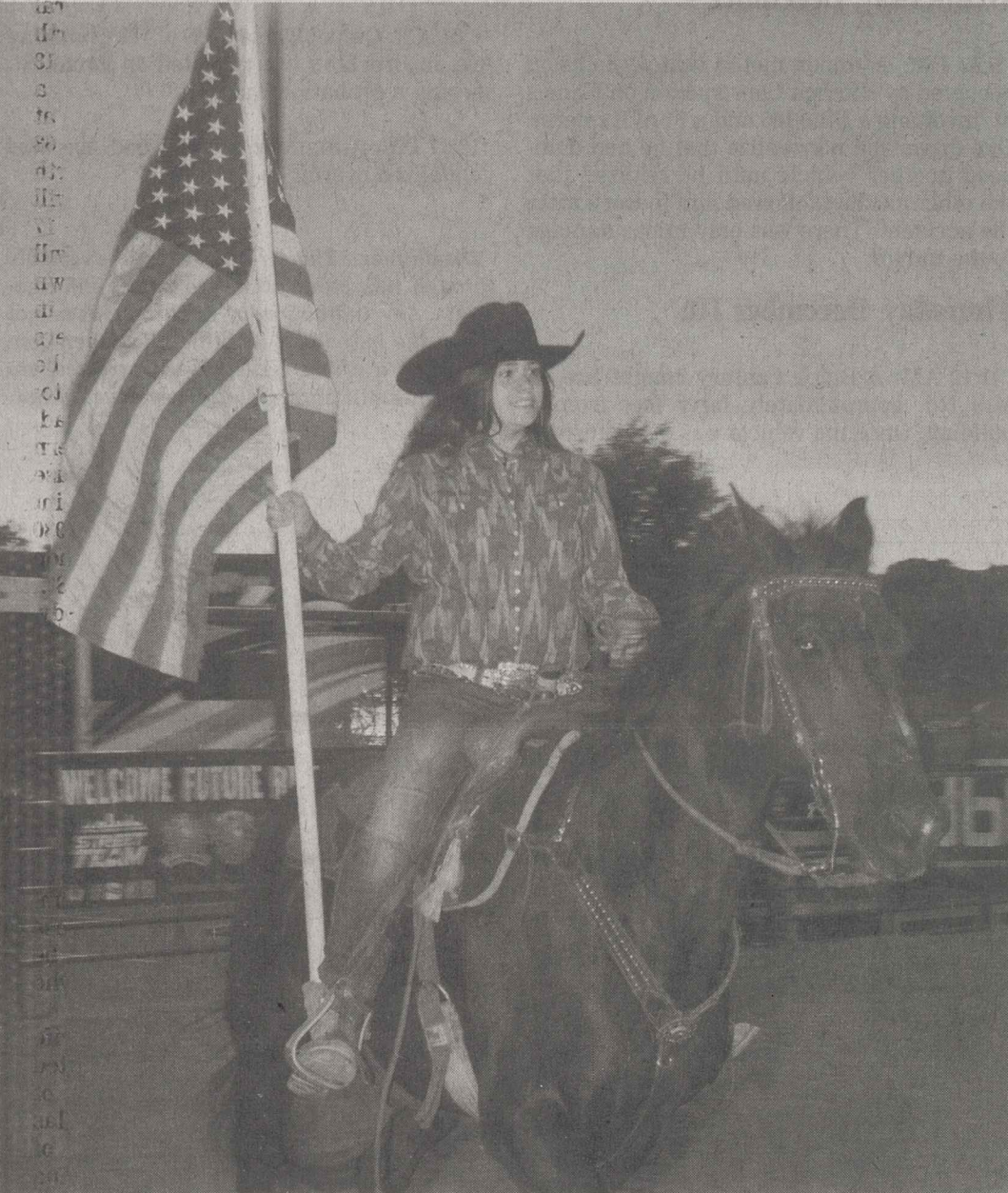
Fresh Shapes - 442 Main St., Wilmington,

Rodeo Brazilian Steakhouse - 920 Main St Woburn

Don't forget your dancing shoes for the line dancing!



Kenny Churchill - 3 Time Bull Riding Champion



Last summer Revere hosted the Bull Riding show and this summer it's Wilmington's turn! These photos give a good idea of the family fun that will be coming our way. Above a couple of youngsters try to curb their enthusiasm. Patriotic riding by a lovely young rider and above right is the best way to wear a cowboy hat - on your head!

All rodeo photos by Studio Appingo / Steve Jewett

## Echoes of the Past

### Visiting Benson Park

BY PAIGE IMPINK  
Special to the Town Crier

For those of you who grew up in this part of New England, you may recall a small family destination called Benson's Wild Animal Farm. A zoo and amusement park complete with trained animal acts, Benson's, located in Hudson, New Hampshire, was a kitschy attraction where people could see exotic animals while enjoying a fine day trip from Boston. Closed in the late '80s, the property sat dormant until it was handed over to the town of Hudson in 2009.

Benson Park, as it is now named, is a fine and free public space. Paved paths lead to marked woodland trails which ring the property and provide hikes of multiple lengths, from a tenth of a mile to over two miles through woods and wetlands. There is even a wildlife blind overlooking

one of the ponds. Some vestiges of the past that are still on the grounds include the gorilla house, the Old Woman in the Shoe, various tiger and lion cages, and hints of mini train tracks, water launches, and the A-frame picnic structure.

A new and extensive play structure is a centerpiece and provides a fun place for families to gather. A large pond plays host to junior anglers hoping for "the big one", and a gentle stream is a magnet for young adventurers who climb over its rocks. The paths wind around grassy areas and benches revealing nooks and knolls which make for delightful walks. Portable toilets are available so that an afternoon with kids is viable.

Several Eagle Scout projects have helped revitalize buildings and paths and the town of Hudson is working hard to make the park friendly and inviting. We

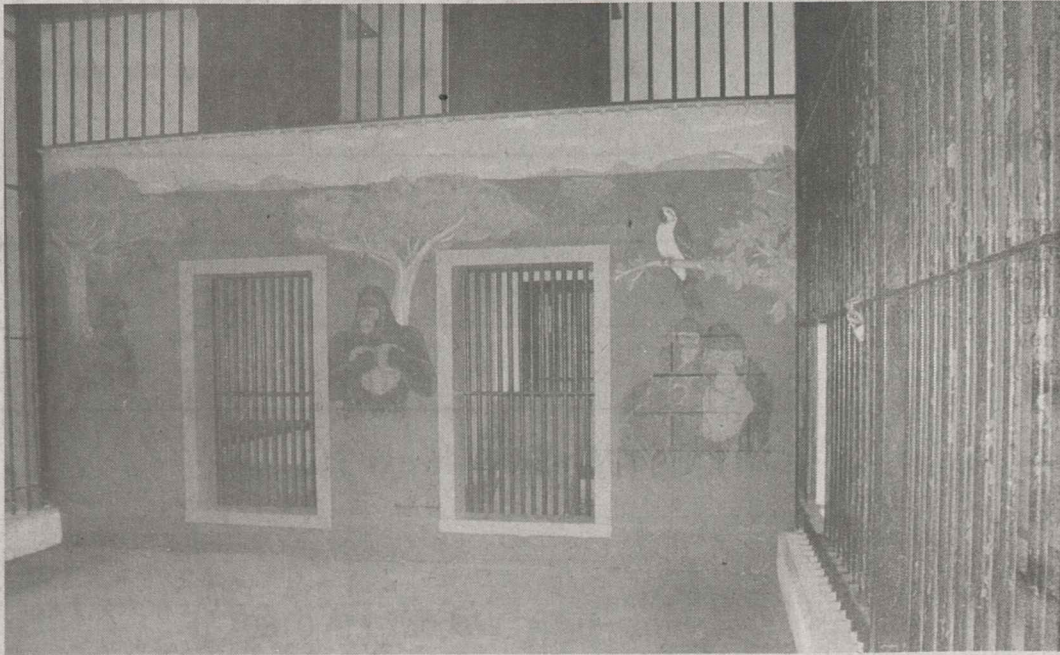
visited recently with our Girls Scout Troop and participated in a scavenger hunt. Multiple families were staging their holiday photos that day, and a camera crew from the local cable access channel was filming a segment. Numerous letterboxes and geocaches are located in the park, extending the benefits of exploration with a fine reward.

On the opposite side of the parking lot there is a large dog park. While dogs are allowed on leash in Benson Park, the Hudson Dog Park next door allows furry friends run free to socialize with their own kind, explore obstacles and get a workout. The park has good signage and attentive owners and is well rated. Benson Park can be enjoyed in any season so take advantage of the nice weather and plan a visit soon.



A stream winds through the park providing a place of exploration for visitors, maintained by the Town of Hudson.

Photo by Paige Impink



The Guerilla Cage used to house Colossus the gorilla. A mural is now part of the renovation effort of the park. Other structures onsite include the elephant house, Old Woman in the Shoe, and ticket house.

Photo by Paige Impink





## Tewksbury Police Log

### Know your neighbors before calling police

#### Monday, December 7:

10:23 AM - Call from Halstead Garden Apartments from the manager reporting a suspicious vehicle in the lot. Police sent to assist. The vehicle was not suspicious; a vehicle had a flat tire.

2:33 PM - Police stopped at 260 Pine Street for suspicious activity. Robert Hughes, 26 of 10 Edgebaston Street in Billerica, was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute class C drugs, distribute class B drugs, and distribute class C drugs. Andrew Allard, 24, of 2 Allard Way in Billerica, was arrested and charged with possession of class C drugs and possession of class B drugs.

#### Tuesday, December 8:

10:15 AM - Caller reports a suspicious party at Petroil Gas Station. Police sent. Peter Skrzat, 29, of 435 Chestnut Street in Uxbridge, was arrested and charged with possession of class C drugs, possession of class B drugs, and operation of a motor vehicle with license revoked for OUI.

1:32 PM - Caller reporting suspicious male party at Decarolis Drive. Party left parking lot. Officer reports that party lives there and was checking his own mailbox.

2:43 PM - Police stopped at 1102 South Street and 21 Morningside Drive. Roland Moore, 46, of 8 Tanager Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with four counts possession firearm without FID card, failure surrender firearm/license/ FID card, and three counts of no license possession of ammunition.

10:17 PM - Police are at 11 Wescott Circle attempting to serve a warrant. Joe Khabbaz, 34, of 11 Wescott Circle in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for distribute class B drugs.

#### Wednesday, December 9:

9:22 PM - Caller reporting a bumper/ front end of a vehicle in the roadway in front of the Center Fire Station. Second caller stated she witnessed a motor vehicle accident. Police sent. Melanie Fitzmeyer, 41, of 110 Heritage Drive in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor and leaving scene of property damage.

#### Thursday, December 10:

8:51 AM - Caller reports suspicious motor vehicle in front of house videotaping on Katie Way. Caller reports he has since left area. Dispatcher notified owner of vehicle, left message. Spoke to vehicle owner and she states that it is her husband. He's a P.I. He will check in with the police later.

9:38 AM - Received a call from Chandler Street residence reporting a suspicious

party walking at the end of his driveway. Police to check the area. The party was tall with and wearing a hoodie sweatshirt and jeans. The party was gone on arrival.

#### Friday, December 11:

12:05 PM - 911 caller reports naked man behind the Foster School apartments. Police are responding over there from the police station. They report that it is a statue. All set, clear.

7:06 PM - Police are at McDonald's North for suspicious activity. Charles Spinos, 50, of 20 Hickory Lane in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with distribution of class D drugs and possession with intent to distribute class D drugs.

7:32 PM - Caller reporting he is following an erratic operator at 1229 Main Street at 353 Chandler Street traveling north. Officer stopped the vehicle in front of Enterprise Rent A Car. Shawn Doyle, 48, of 1323 South Street in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

8:46 PM - 911 caller reporting illegal dumping at Beacon Electric Floor Craft. Police sent. The officer reports it is an employee of the company.

#### Saturday, December 12:

12:16 AM - Caller reporting multiple noise complaints from Chandler Street residence. Police responding. They report it is all quiet at this time.

9:27 AM - Received a call from a resident at the State Hospital complaining about threats from his father. Officer sent to speak to the victim. Campus police to handle.

9:41 AM - Received a few calls about a dead cat off the side if the road near 562 Chandler Street. Animal Control Officer was notified. She reports that she will pick up the cat the next day, unless more calls come in.

10:08 AM - Caller reports property damage to front lawn at 171 Fox Run. Officers sent and report there was also damage to four other lawns. Officer filed a report.

3:04 PM - Officers stopped at Motel 6 for suspicious activity. Luke Pesaturo, 24, of 127 Salem Street in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operation of motor vehicle with a license suspended.

#### Sunday, December 13:

2:38 AM - Police stopping a known license plate motor vehicle at 54 Salem Road and 439 South Street. Police requesting Penny's Tow for one. They provided courtesy transport for one female to Holiday Inn.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Dogs, horse make a break for it

#### Monday, December 7:

12:38 PM: Two unlocked vehicles, a Ford Focus and a Jeep Cherokee, were entered overnight night, though nothing was stolen from either car.

4:34 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Toyota Yaris and a Ford Escape. Only a minor injury was sustained.

5:08 PM: Amanda Provitola, 30, of 712 Woburn St. was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, failure to stop at a stop sign, marked lanes violation, and operating a vehicle without ignition interlock. This is her third offense for operating under the influence of liquor. Provitola stole her mother's car and debit card. She later called her mother, unable to find the car in the parking lot of Market Basket. Police stopped her vehicle at Sunrise Market and returned the car and debit card to her mother.

#### Tuesday, December 8:

6:56 AM: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Eames St. involving a Subaru Impreza and a Jeep Liberty. No one was injured in the collision.

9:58 AM: Gabriella Perrino, 21, of 17 Stonehenge Dr. was arrested and taken to court serving a warrant of apprehension.

#### Wednesday, December 9:

5:57 PM: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred by Garrick Construction on Eames St. involving a Hino 165 and a Ford Explorer. One driver did not realize that he had damaged another vehicle until he realized that the other car had followed him to work after the accident. There was only minor damage to the mirror.

#### Thursday, December 10:

11:19 AM: A Buick Century caught fire on Mill Rd. approximately forty feet from a building. Once the vehicle was extinguished,

the owner was notified and a detective was asked to respond.

11:47 AM: Kristina Lussier, 31, of 5 Blackstone Rd. in Billerica was arrested and charged with committing larceny under \$250 at the Target on Ballardvale St.

5:40 PM: Daniel Goodwin, 18, of 229 Chestnut St. was issued summons for leaving the scene of property damage after a hit and run with a Honda Fit on School St.

5:50 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred by China Wok on Main Street involving a Hyundai Elantra and a Cadillac CTS.

#### Friday, December 11th:

7:14 PM: A Chevrolet Silverado struck and killed a deer on Woburn St. The deer was later removed from the scene.

11:05 PM: Three dogs from one family got loose and were found by 1 Westdale Ave. The dogs were returned home once located.

#### Saturday, December 12:

3:38 PM: A horse got loose from a birthday party on Hopkins St. and ran loose down Leonard Ln. until a woman was able to catch up to it and walk it back to the residence.

#### Sunday, December 13:

6:51 AM: Quinel Eutsay, 32, of 141 Channing Ave. in Brockton was arrested on Broad St. serving a probation warrant.

12:37 PM: A mailbox on Ashwood Ave. was vandalized overnight

*Disclaimer: The arrest records available through this publication are public information. Any indication of an arrest does not mean the individual identified has been convicted of a crime. All persons arrested are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

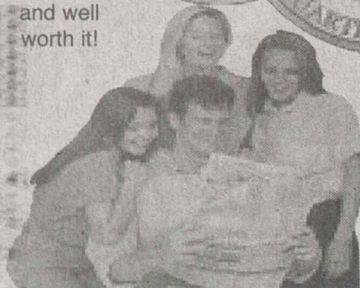
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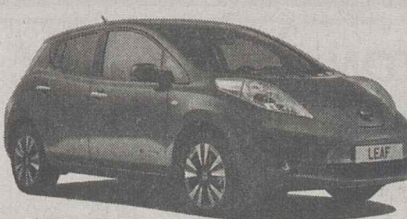


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Julia and Jamie Nazzaro told Santa what they are hoping for last Saturday evening in Wilmington.  
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Randy Richardson with his granddaughter, Natalie Shanahan at Wilmington's Festival of the Trees last Saturday morning.  
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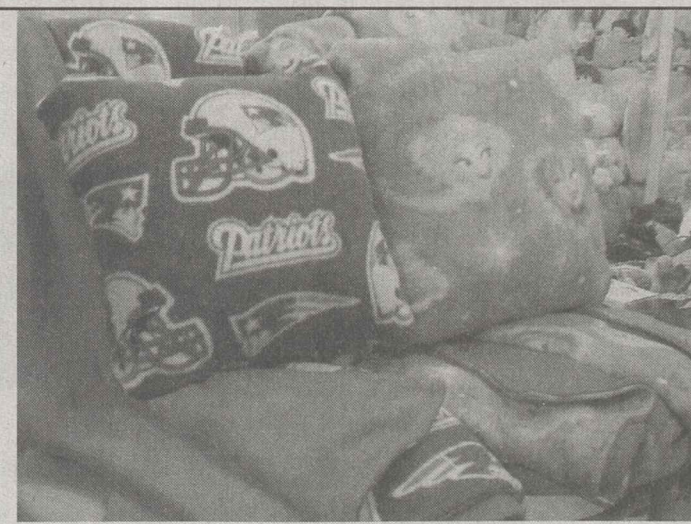
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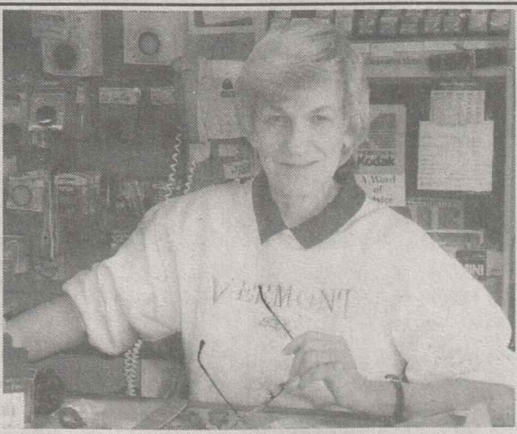
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# 8-Year-Old Kylie Plowman makes miracles happen



Kylie Plowman raised over \$5,000 to help purchase Christmas gifts for children in Wilmington and at Children's Hospital in Boston.

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the note, so much so that Melissa posted it on her Facebook page along with some pictures. Some of her friends suggested for her to start a "GoFundme" page to get donations. She took that advice and "Kylie's Gift of Giving" started and it spread rapidly.

"On December 1st, we started the page and the goal was \$600 and within the first few hours we reached that goal and within a few days, we hit the \$2,000 mark which was the time WBZ news picked up the story and aired it on the evening news," said Melissa. "From there it just took off."

Like anyone asking for help through Crowdfunding, your emotions run wild, especially with complete strangers chipping in.

"We have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of kindness that our friends, family and perfect strangers were sharing to our campaign," said Melissa. "We shared many tears of joy and pride over the past two weeks as we watched the number grow, as we listened to people share words about Kylie and how she had touched the hearts of so many people and moved them to give generously to these two great charities."

The total as of Monday night was \$5,135, which was before the service fees that were taken out. On Tuesday morning, Kylie, her parents and several other family members, arrived at the Wilmington Fire Station at 9 am to present the first of two checks in the amount of \$2,347.62.

"It was unbelievable," said Wilmington Lt. Bill Cavanaugh of the Fire Department. "For a girl at such a young age to be that generous and so thoughtful was incredible. You never expect a child of that age to be so thoughtful around the holidays."

A large group of firefighters including Chief Rick McClellan were a part of the event that saw Kylie present the check to Santa himself.

"We were greeted by a sea of brave men in uniform and Santa," said Melissa. "They were grateful for Kylie's gift, but really we wanted them to know that we are grateful for them—for keeping our community safe every day and for bringing joy to Wilmington children on Christmas morning."

From there, Kylie and her parents took a trip into Boston, where they had a second check for the Boston Children's Hospital (this check's amount was slightly different as people continued to donate right up to the last minute). Kylie met WBZ TV once again at the hospital for the follow-up



Kylie, Santa, and the Wilmington Fire Department crew with the impressive check Kylie raised to help purchase gifts for local children in need. Top row left to right: Chief McClellan, FF Paul Hedderston, FF Russ Sterling, FF Rob Varey, Santa, LT Fred Ryan, FF Andy Leverone, Deputy Gary Donovan  
Bottom row left to right: FF Jason Kennedy, LT Bill Cavanaugh, FF Chris Elliott, FF Kyle Skinner, FF Mike Jennette

story, as well as meeting a handful of other hospital staff, including Wilmington's Tara Tonello, who works for the Hospital's Trust as a Special Events Officer.

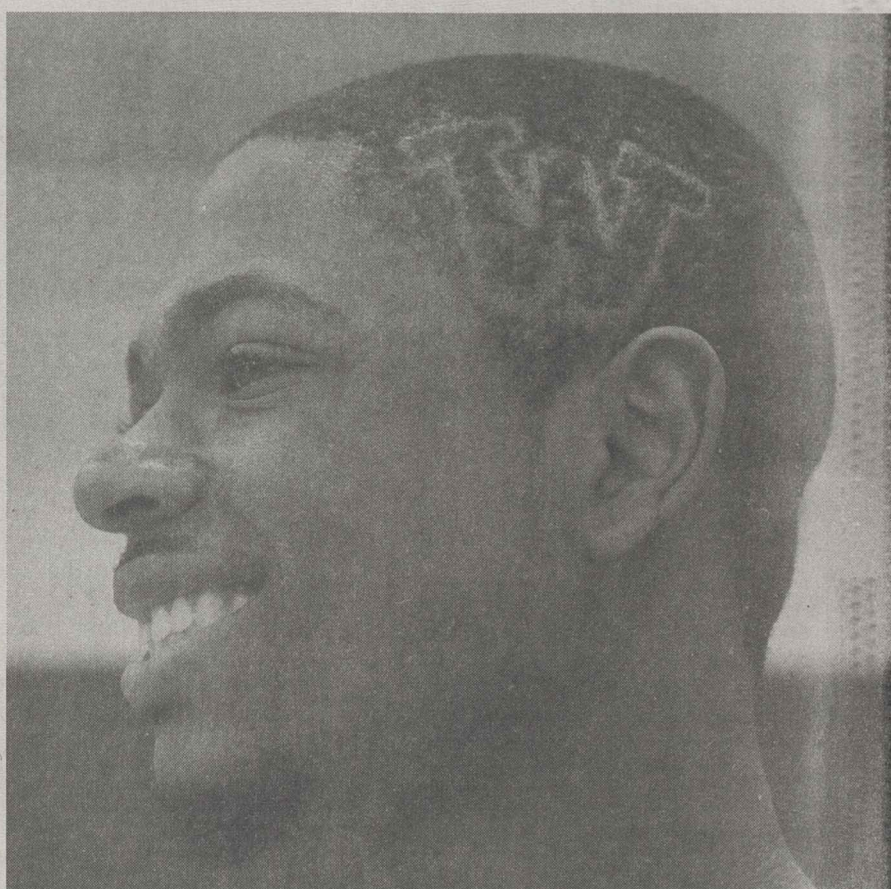
"It was an amazing day," said Melissa. "Our hearts were certainly full. Christmas has already happened for our family. We feel blessed and we are proud, not just of Kylie, but of everyone who saw her goodness and passed it along. This is what matters most."

After donating the two trips, Kylie returned home to her everyday life, playing with her five-year-old sister Natalie, attending the Shawsheen School and being a part of the The Dance Company in town.

"Kylie is an incredibly insightful and thoughtful child," said Melissa. "She always has been. She thinks of others always. These are values we work hard to instill in both of our children, and it's easy to do so with Kylie because it's just part of who she is naturally."

Kylie doesn't want to stop after this one-time event.

"As we were getting ready to start our day of gift-giving (on Tuesday) Kylie looked at me and said, 'next year Mom, let's give the money to homeless people'. My heart melted and I thought, 'this just might become a new family tradition for us every year'. Kylie is a good friend to others. She loves her Shawsheen school friends and her family very much."



Wilmington Boys Hoop player Curtis Jean-Francois shows off his School Spirit with a fresh haircut!

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Robert Demedeiros, Suraj Sanariya sang "Spin a Little Dreidel" during the Wildwood School's Winter Holiday Concert on Tuesday. Photo by Maureen Brady



Caitlin Honer, Alexandra Kennedy and Ella Gould sang "Jingle Bells" in the Wildwood School's Winter Holiday Concert on Tuesday afternoon. Photo by Maureen Brady

## It might take a village

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indicating that Perry's Corner is one area with potential.

Existing uses of the area include restaurants, retail, offices, banks, personal services and daycare.

Gingrich suggested changing the existing general business district in that specific area to allow Multi-Family use by Special Permit as there is quite a bit of retail in the area, conducive to residents living within walking distance.

Gingrich added that the Planning Board have secured traffic mitigation funding, a concern brought up at the October 6, 2015 Planning Board meeting.

Other concerns include sewer, however Gingrich maintains that even though the sewer line stops short of the location, the area is in the sewer district which could potentially allow for connection.

The Plan also includes numerous recommendations that will promote the development of functional, vibrant "Neighborhood Activity Centers," with the Central Business

District (CBD) being the most prominent. Other proposed NACs include North Wilmington.

A new Neighborhood Activity Center zoning district would permit a mix of uses, including shops, offices, townhouses, and, apartments at a density similar to what is currently permitted in the CBD. Design guidelines will ensure that developments enhance town character, promote pedestrian access, provide opportunities for social interaction, and enable further economic development.

Success of the NACs also requires managing strip development along the Town's roadways through design guidelines, rezoning, or limitations to sewer extensions. The preservation of historic resources is also vital to Wilmington's character. Historic neighborhood designations, design guidelines, and a historical review board will help to protect and enhance the Town's historic buildings and other sites.

According to the Wilmington's 2001 Master Plan, concerns around increasing housing

diversity and affordability in Wilmington had been closely linked to the Town's housing consisting almost entirely of single-family homes. Limited options have been available for "empty-nesters" in Wilmington who generally must either remain in their homes or move out of town; working families and small families also have few affordable options.

There are currently several new multi-family structures in the Town, for example, Metro at Wilmington Station, Avalon Oaks, Church Street Commons, and Whispering Pines, currently under construction. Whispering Pines condominium includes 48 garden style floor plans located on Salem Street by the train tracks and is only minutes from Route 93. The development was originally 55 plus restricted, however that restriction has been lifted.

Greater housing diversity can be encouraged by permitting two-family homes and larger accessory apartments; and by allowing townhouses, condominiums, and senior housing in the Neighborhood Activity

Centers and other appropriate areas in town.

For many seniors, the cost of maintaining a single-home can become too much over time. "Affordable senior housing is a good message for us to look at," said Gingrich.

A Senior Housing Survey was generated to gather information from residents over 50. The survey covered basic information about current housing and annual income as well as challenges faced by survey takers such as home and yard maintenance, location, and houses too large for upkeep. The survey received over 300 responses, according to Gingrich.

Selectman Michael McCoy brought up the viability of keeping Wilmington kids in Town, by providing affordable housing in the for younger people starting out on their own. "I think it would be wonderful to keep our kids in the Town," said McCoy.

Town Manager Jeffrey Hull weighed in on the plan. "The presentation certainly covered the point," said Hull, adding, "Close proximity to stores and restaurants certainly makes sense."

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Madison Lohrman, Madeline Fisher, Kyle Mendonca and Gillian Collins sang in the Shawsheen Elementary School's holiday concert on Monday afternoon. Photo by Maureen Brady

## A tale of two winters

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harsher winter weather in the New Year," according to Chris Scott, Chief Meteorologist at The Weather Network.

According to the Weather Network, cold weather will take a bit longer than usual to set in across the Midwest and Northeast as mild Pacific air will dominate the country during December. However, the threat for winter storms will increase across the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast during the second half of the season when arctic air is more likely to sneak in from the north. Meanwhile wetter than normal conditions from the Southwest to the Southeast will keep these regions on the cooler side of normal throughout the winter months.

Above normal tempera-

tures are expected from the Pacific Northwest, across the northern Plains and into the Upper Midwest with fewer outbreaks of arctic air. Across the Ohio Valley and Mid-Atlantic region, winter will start on the mild side but finish with a colder bite. Meanwhile, the southern tier of the country will generally average below normal for temperatures, largely due to increased cloud cover and precipitation.

Typical of El Niño, an active storm track is on the horizon for the southern tier of the country and up the East Coast bringing above average precipitation for these areas. While this storm track will deliver beneficial moisture to southern California, those who reside along the Gulf Coast and especially Florida are more likely to see severe storms.

Residents from the southern Plains to the Mid-Atlantic and into New England should plan for an increased threat of wintry weather, especially during the second half of the season.

"We do have you for a bit more than average precipitation, but, again, not the snow fall you had last year," said Carter, adding, "We can't completely call off winter entirely, but, hopefully the winter period will be as abbreviated as possible."

As for March, while El Niños don't usually herald an early spring, it's looking good for this year, according to Carter who told the Crier, "Fortunately, with this particular El Nino, looking at the long range models, the Northeast should expect spring to arrive on time."

And, that's the best news of all.





For the first time in 22 years

## Co-Male Athletes of the Year: Brian Cavanaugh and Matt Spurr



For the first time in 22 years, the Wilmington Town Crier has chosen Co-Male Athletes of the Year with Matt Spurr and Brian Cavanaugh. The two of them have been best friends since their youth soccer days, playing against each other on the left, with Cavanaugh the left and Spurr on the right. Above the two get together to pose for us displaying props of the three sports they play at WHS. (above photo by JoeBrown.photo)

## Best friends and two all-star student-athletes

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

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WILMINGTON - Never before has the Town Crier Sports Department chosen Co-Athletes of the Year in the previous 21 years. This year is a first as Brian Cavanaugh and Matt Spurr earn the spotlight. There's two reasons for this: one is the two of them are nearly the identical athletes, especially over the course of the calendar year; and secondly they have been best friends since meeting up in early elementary school.

"I think (the two of us sharing this award) the first time in 22 years just seems so fitting with us," said Cavanaugh. "We have been best friends for the longest time and we really are so close as friends and in comparison so close as athletes too. It's just so fitting."

Indeed it is. The two of them have an incredible friendship and bond with one another. That's obvious when you spend 45 minutes with them. Just the way they interact is fun and comical. The two of them also know they can bicker and fight with the best of them, but it's all out of love.

"After (our friend and baseball teammate) Matt Woods introduced us (when we were kids in the same neighborhood), Brian and I have just always hung out," said Spurr. "I always remembered playing his team in (youth) soccer and all I ever wanted to do was beat that team. We just competed so much and even today we just compete over everything, even the littlest of things. Ever since second grade we have been best friends. We are just always so competitive with each other, no matter the situation. We're always competitive, but we're always there for each other."

### Impressive Resumes

Both Cavanaugh and Spurr are three-sport athletes and are three high ranking students at Wilmington High School. They are members of the baseball and soccer teams together, but during the winter, Cavanaugh plays hockey and Spurr plays hoop.

When Cavanaugh graduates in June, he'll have eight varsity letters and will leave as a three-seasoned senior

captain. He was named a Middlesex League All-Star this past fall in soccer. He is a very solid student academically and is hoping to attend Bentley University with hopes of studying business.

Cavanaugh is a forward on the ice hockey team, center mid-fielder on the soccer team and the second baseman on the baseball team. Throughout his athletic career, he was sophomore forward on the ice hockey team when it lost to Reading in the epic sectional final shoot-out played at the Tsongas Arena two years ago. He has also played in all 43 games for the baseball team over the past two years, batting .272 with 31 runs scored, 26 RBI and 35 hits in that span, all the while playing a solid second base with just eight errors in 141 chances.

"I don't think people really recognize that side of the infield as much as they should," said Baseball Coach Aldo Caira. "The second basemen and right fielders don't get enough credit. You have to know so much as a second baseman whether it's bunts, steals, pick-offs, relays and Brian did so well there, especially as a sophomore. He was outstanding. I think heading into this season he'll be one of the top second basemen in the entire Middlesex League."

This past year Cavanaugh was second on the team in runs scored (17) and RBI (15), which came a season after leading the team in runs with 14 as a rookie. He also has one double, three triples and a home run during his two years.

"Brian can lay the aluminum on the ball," said Caira. "He's had three triples and a home run and he can also hit long fly balls. He was second on the team in RBIs and second in runs scored this past year. He's a great number two hitter especially with (Graham) Smith leading off. If Graham gets on, Brian does a great job of putting the ball in play and getting Graham to third."

In soccer, Cavanaugh plays with grit. He's physical, he's tough, he's emotional and once in a while he can score a goal, including a game winner in a thrilling shoot-out playoff game during his junior year.

"They are both good ath-

letes," said Steve Scanlon who coaches both of them in soccer and Cavanaugh also in hockey. "They are experienced, three-sport kids. You got to be a pretty astute athlete to accomplish what they have, especially in the sports that they play. In soccer they are very close as players. Brian is more of the physical player where Matt is more of the versatile player. Matt can play a lot of different positions."

"They are both hard workers. They are both real competitive kids. I find both of them are kind of the throw-back kind of athletes. You don't see that real tough compete level with athletes today. You really don't. You used to have a team full of kids like that, kids who would run through a wall but now when you see a really gritty player he sticks out and those two kids really compete at a high level. They are real good friends. Matt is a pretty level-headed kid and Brian is more emotional when he plays."

The soccer team missed out on the state tournament this past fall which was incredibly frustrating.

"We felt good going into the season but then it just fell apart. It's kind of been the same story for all three of my seasons. Before that everything was going good - sophomore year hockey and baseball were great, same with junior year soccer but the past three seasons have been all up and down, not performing," said Cavanaugh with a big laugh. "Hopefully that changes with the last two (seasons)."

Cavanaugh also spoke of the disappointing baseball season. The team did reach the state tournament, only to get blown out by Belmont, 8-1. "Going into the season, we had a lot of hype and I think everyone got caught up into that a little bit," he admitted. "It seemed like we would win every single game (we played) and everyone seemed to go into each game saying 'we're going to win and we don't even need to work hard, we don't have to hit the ball, we don't have to make the plays in the field, we're going to win'. It just didn't happen like that. Even Coach Caira said that it was the most skill he's had on one team since he's been here. We had a really good team and we just never put it together. There were some

games we would get all of these hits but then make a lot of errors in the field. We just never put it together."

Spurr will graduate with nine varsity letters, while being a captain on the soccer and basketball teams this year. He was just named All-League in soccer this past fall. He currently ranks 17th in his senior class, sporting a 3.89 GPA, is involved with the DECA and Rotary Clubs and would like to attend WPI and become an engineer. In his three sports, he's the point guard on the basketball team, also a midfielder on the soccer team and he plays multiple positions on the baseball team. He started out as a shortstop during his sophomore season before being moved to left field this past season.

"He's such a great athlete than we can move him around if need be," said Caira. "Matt played a very solid shortstop during his sophomore year and we had Danny Gracia coming up. I know Matt didn't want to move but he did for the best of the team. We put him in left field and I think despite not having any experience as an outfielder, he played pretty well. There were a few bumps in the road but he did fine."

Caira said that as of right now Spurr is penciled in to

play left field again this summer but has flirted with the idea of possibly playing him at first base and shortstop again when Jackson Gillis and Gracia are on the mound.

"If we do that, it's because Matt is such a versatile athlete," said Caira. "But right now he's penciled in at left field. And offensively, he puts his bat on the ball. He doesn't have too much power and I do have better hitters on the team, but when he gets in a groove, he stays hot and can really give the team a big spark. He's also very quick on the basepaths."

Over the two years, Spurr has played in 39 of 43 games, with a .266 average, including three doubles and 15 RBI which includes a big 3-for-4 game against Burlington earlier this year which saw him score three runs and knock in three more.

### A Change in the Season

During the winter season, the two buddies are not teammates. Spurr points on the socks and silk jersey, and Cavanaugh puts on the pads, laces up the skates and puts on the sweater. Two years ago as a sophomore, Spurr started to see some playing time for the basketball team which at the time was struggling with just a few victories. In fact it was this writer who said that at

the time it appeared as if he would be really good. That happened as last year Spurr took the bull by the horns. He was exceptional as the team's point guard. He helped the team go from three wins to ten, reach the state tournament, all the while taking care of the ball and constantly feeding the 'Big Man', Connor Bennett.

"We had a really good season," said Spurr. "Bennett was a huge part of our team and I thought the entire team played really well for most of the season. (Zach) Abbott had a big season, and basically our team defense was really good and I think that's why we were so successful. It was a lot better than the previous season. Defense was definitely the reason behind our success."

Knowing that he had the full-time position locked down, Spurr said that extra confidence went a long way.

"The year before I came in half way through the year (as a starting player) so I had some experience heading into last season," he said. "It's a whole different ballgame when you are playing varsity basketball compared to JV or Freshmen. Just the competition level is a lot different. It's a lot to get used to and (this past year) I felt more comfortable handling the ball and

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# Co-Male Athletes of the Year: Cavanaugh and Spurr

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being in different situations. It was great having that experience. I just tried to limit my turnovers and just get the ball to Bennett because no one could stop him in the post.”

Head Coach Joe Maiella said that there was no way he could take Spurr off the floor during the team's 21 games last year.

“He is a tremendous kid,” said the coach. “He’s a great student-athlete and a great three-sport athlete. He’s a leader in all three sports, he’s very good in all three sports and he’s a competitor. He’s so competitive. He works hard all of the time. The kids love him. He’s strong, he handles the ball well and he can shoot. He does everything for us. He had a great year for us last year and he was our second MVP outside Connor (Bennett). I couldn’t take (Spurr) out of any games.”

While Spurr was warm inside gymnasiums and running around basketball courts, Cavanaugh was inside cold ice rinks, doing his best to keep the Wildcats afloat. A year after losing in the sectional final, which came after winning back-to-back state championships, the hockey program took several steps back this past year, finishing with an 8-10-2 overall record, falling one game short of the playoffs.

“The hockey season was pretty tough,” said Cavanaugh. “We went into that season thinking we would be around .500 or even a little bit better. We lost a lot from the year before especially the goal scorers but (Steve) DeFuria was awesome and I don’t think I have ever played with somebody better than him. He would set you up so easily. I had a good amount of goals but I think every single one of them was because of DeFuria. He just had great vision of the ice.”

Cavanaugh is the same on the ice as he is on the soccer field – tough, gritty, physical and emotional. Towards the end of last season, you could tell that fatigue was setting in with him and that’s to be expected playing three different demanding sports. He said he’ll never forget the feeling he had when the team was officially eliminated from tournament play with the loss to Reading on the final game of the season.

“Going into that Reading game we knew that we had to win in order to get into the playoffs,” he said. “That was tough. There were a ton of fans there and you never want to let them down. That was a tough game to lose. I remember in the locker room after the game everyone just had their heads down. No one wanted to pick

their heads up and talk. The success that the hockey team had for so many years and we were the team that didn’t make it to the playoffs and didn’t make a deep run was so tough.”

### All in the Family

Matt is the youngest of three boys to Dave and Laurie. His brothers Jon and Andrew, who Matt thinks are 25 and 23 years old, were also athletes at WHS. Jon played soccer, basketball and baseball like Matt, while Andrew just played golf.

“My brothers have always taught me everything,” said Matt. “Just from being little and growing up with them going to all of their games, always sticking around the basketball games, their travel games, I’ve learned so much from them. I think that’s why I’ve become the player and the athlete I am today because they taught me so much. You play with them, they bang on you, they beat you up and you just learn. And that’s the best.”

Throughout Matt’s childhood, his father was a coach in multiple youth sports. Matt said that helped him develop much quicker into a team player.

“My Dad and my Mom are awesome,” he said. “My Dad has helped me a lot. I want to say thank you to my Dad for helping me be a coachable athlete. When he used to coach, he would always say that ‘the worst thing is when kids aren’t coachable’ and ever since then he has taught me how to be a coachable athlete. It really has paid off.”

While his parents and brothers have been huge supporters in his life, Matt said that having Brian by his side throughout all of the sports, being in so many academic classes together and just everyday life, is extremely important to him.

“(Brian’s) pretty stubborn – he’s pretty stubborn,” said Spurr chuckling. “I know that I’m pretty stubborn too and I think that’s why we get along so well because we’re similar people. Brian’s just awesome.”

Over the years, the Spurr’s have seemed to have gained a fourth son, as Brian is constantly over their house spending time with Matt. Brian is the youngest of three, with older sisters Courtney and Brittany, who he said back in September: “I wouldn’t trade my sisters in for anything. I couldn’t possibly have asked for two better sisters than them.” Brian is the son of Chris and Marcia, who got divorced many years ago. Marcia got remarried to Steve Vozella.

“My father (Chris) lives in Watertown so whenever I see him it’s great,” said Brian.



Wilmington High senior Brian Cavanaugh, shown here during last year’s hockey season, is a three-sport athlete playing baseball and soccer as well. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).

“And Steve’s also a huge part of my life. He’s taught me a ton. He was a baseball player and a real good one back in his day. My entire family is awesome. They always teach me things. I owe everything to my Mom. She’s the best. My sisters are fun. All of us are just close. Plus I have so many cousins here in town, so we’re always doing things together. It’s always fun.”

Brian added that he’s always viewed Matt as the brother he never had.

“We were friends in elementary school and then we had a project to do in fifth grade,” recalled Brian with a big laugh. “We had an invention convention. We had to do some ridiculous project where we had to a golf ball go through pipes to turn on a light. I just remembering working on that together – he’d come

over my house and after that is when we became inseparable.

“I never had a brother growing up and I honestly feel that he’s more of a brother to me. We’re not really friends because we have been so close for so long. We’ll get mad at each other all of the time and we’ll start punching each other all of the time so that’s what I mean, we’re more brothers than friends. If your friend did that it would be ‘what are you doing?’ and you would get mad at that person. Honestly, I just look at him like a brother.

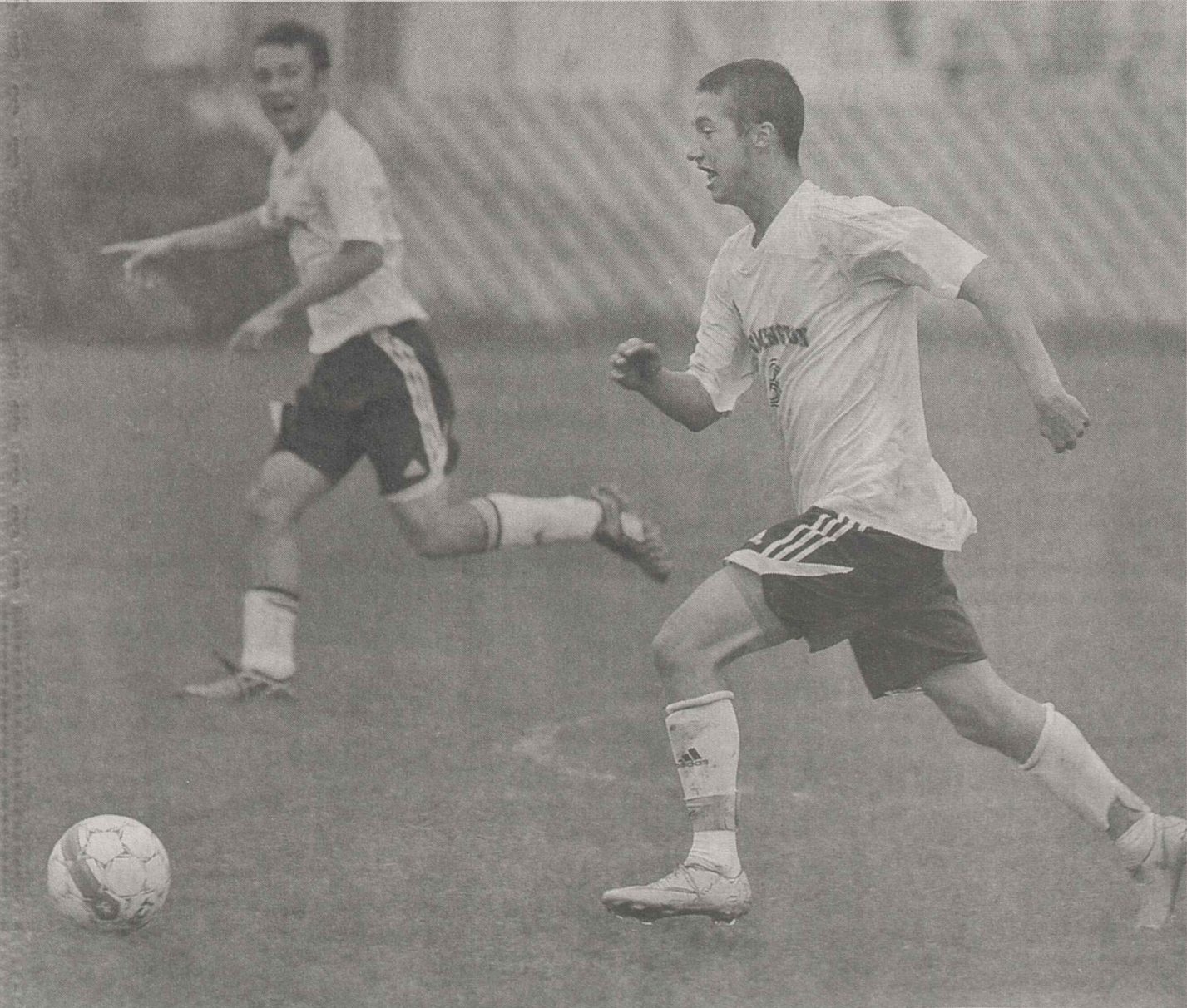
“Neither of us are ever wrong. Neither of us ever gives in. We’ll go back and forth and bicker but it’s fun. I can talk to him about anything and he always gives good advice. He’s just always been a great friend.”

## Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year

- 2015: Brian Cavanaugh/  
Matt Spurr
- 2014: Evan Raffi
- 2013: Drew Foley
- 2012: Colin Doherty
- 2011: Vinny Scifo
- 2010: Sean Hanley
- 2009: Caleb Rogers
- 2008: Stephen Stewart
- 2007: Ernie Mello
- 2006: Greg Stewart
- 2005: Joe Herra
- 2004: Joe Herra
- 2003: Derek Trueira
- 2002: Derek Hanley
- 2001: Ryan Layton
- 2000: Tim Riley
- 1999: Eric Banda
- 1998: Mark DiGiovanni
- 1997: Scott Swiezynski
- 1996: Billy Harrison
- 1995: Doug Olender
- 1994: Dave DeSantis

Athlete of the 2000-’09  
Decade: Ernie Mello

Athlete of the 90s  
Decade:  
Danny Ballou



Wilmington High School senior Matt Spurr was all-league this past fall in soccer. In addition he also plays baseball and basketball. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).



Former WHS and Merrimack Football player practices before NFL Scouts

# Hurley competes in National Bowl Game

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

It was an opportunity that no football player would ever pass up, and Merrimack College offensive lineman Brian Hurley was certainly not about to let it go by when he was offered the opportunity to play in the recent National Bowl Game in Miami, Florida, on December 6.

Of course most players never get the opportunity to be invited to play in as prestigious such a prestigious game, but Hurley, a Wilmington native and a 2011 graduate of Wilmington High, earned his invitation with an outstanding four-year career at Merrimack, capped by his recently completed dominant senior season.

The National Bowl Game is an annual post-season college football all-star game consisting of top players from Non-FBS schools. The National Bowl Game showcases All-American and All-Conference seniors from around the nation that travel to the game from over 30 states representing over 400-plus Division 2, 3, and FCS schools.

The National Bowl is the elite and only current post-

season all star game to focus on players below D1/FBS that get the opportunity to play in front of several NFL and CFL scouts.

For Hurley, who started and played for the Blue Team, which fell to the Gold Team by a score of 15-9, it was an experience he will never forget.

"It was a great experience. I was playing with kids from all over the country, who played for small schools in Michigan, Texas and Oklahoma," Hurley said. "There were a lot of great players from schools where kids don't get a lot of notoriety."

The 6'5, 290-pound Hurley certainly gained plenty of notoriety during the week, performing in front of numerous NFL scouts, not only at the game, which was played at Ocean Bank Field, the home field of Florida International University, but also in practices in the days leading up to the game.

"It was incredible. We were doing one-on-one drills and there were scouts from the NFL at the practices," Hurley said. "There were guys from the Jets, Jaguars and Dolphins standing ten feet behind where we were doing the

drills. It was very exciting. There were scouts there from the NFL all the way down to the Arena League.

"My coach was telling me that a lot of teams showed interest in me. At practice one day, the guy from the Falcons told the coach he liked what he saw."

The mere fact that Hurley can now be practicing in front of professional scouts is a testament to his hard work and dedication to the game. This past season was his red shirt senior season, after missing his actual senior season with a torn left ACL. It took months of rehab before Hurley could even get back on the field, but he was ready to go once the season got under way, leading the Warriors to a third place finish in the NE-10, their highest finish since 2009.

"It was a very difficult injury to deal with," Hurley said. "I had heard about the injury, but of course I had never experienced it, so it was very tough. I had to put in a lot of rehab to get back on the field, but I think it actually helped me. It made me realize how important football was to me. I realized that not everybody gets the opportunity to play like I have. It made me appreciate the game a lot more."

That appreciation certainly seemed to translate onto the field this season, where the Warriors offense, with Hurley and his fellow linemen leading the way, put up some huge numbers on their way to a 6-5 record, including winning three of their last four games. Hurley earned All-Conference honors for his efforts.

Hurley started all eleven games at right tackle and helped establish the edge

for an offense that averaged 342.8 yards per game and ranked third in the NE-10 in scoring offense. The offensive line also yielded only 23 sacks on the season, including only 18 against league competition. Merrimack held two opponents without a sack and three more to just one.

Hurley said that the bond between he and his linemates were a very important part of their and the team's success.

"Everyone on the line had a great bond," Hurley said. "We were all great friends off the field as well. We really gelled together and played well together."

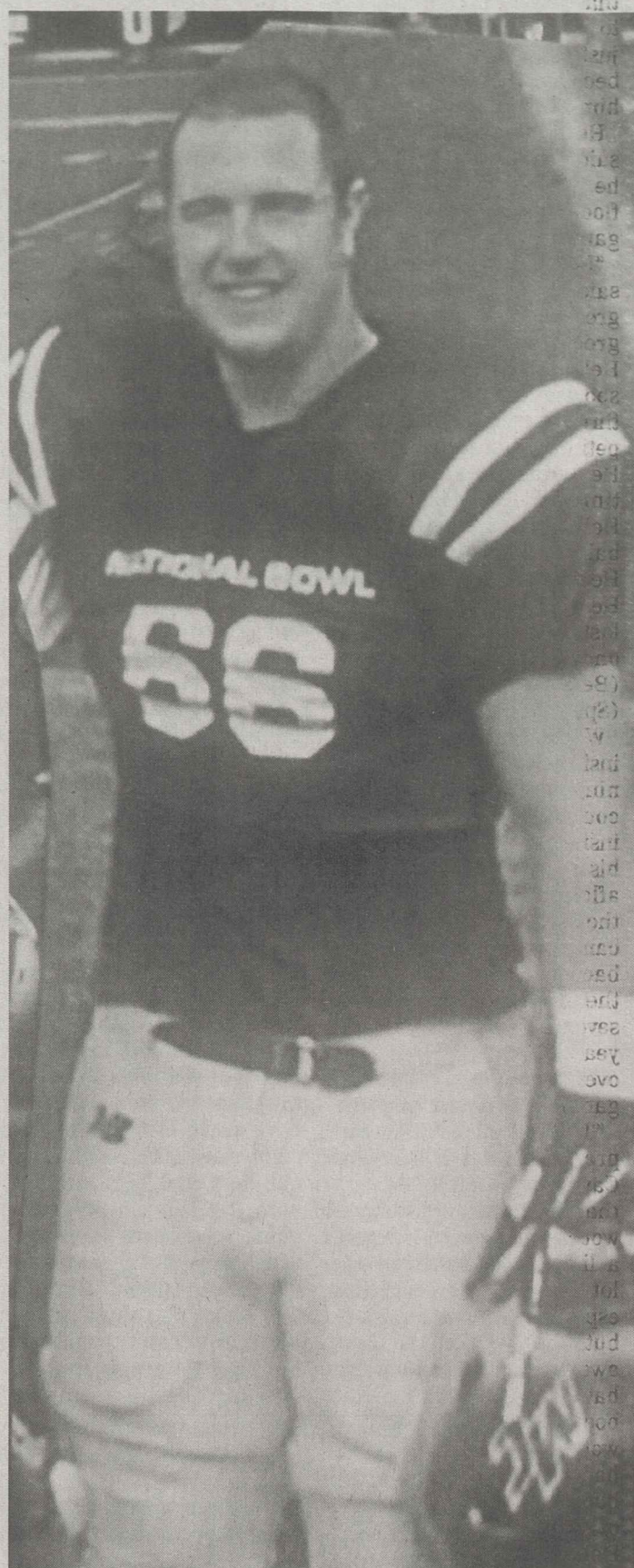
For now Hurley is playing a bit of a waiting game. His coach at Merrimack, former Chelmsford High great Dan Curran, is currently on a recruiting trip and Hurley will sit down with him when he returns and discuss what his next steps should be, but it will likely involve attending a regional combine to try and show his skills to a new group of scouts.

Hurley credits Curran, who played fullback in the NFL for the Seahawks and Saints before having a very successful Arena League career, for helping him in his successful career.

"He was one of the main reasons I played as well as I did. He has had my back since day one and has been a great mentor for me," Hurley said.

Now Hurley hopes to follow in his coach's footsteps into professional football.

"I just want to keep playing somewhere, for any organization that will give me a chance, whether that is in the NFL or the Arena League," Hurley said. "I just want the opportunity."



Wilmington resident Brian Hurley competed in the National Football Bowl Game, a tremendous honor for the former Merrimack College lineman. (courtesy photo).

## Carey and Malatesta named All-Scholastics

Congratulations goes out to a pair of local high school athletes. Both Tewksbury High's Troy Carey and Wilmington High senior Devyn Malatesta were named to both the Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic teams in football and girls soccer, respectively.

Carey was also named the MVC Division 2 Defensive Player of the Year and Malatesta was named the Middlesex League Division 2 Player of the Year and she was also selected to the Eastern Mass All-Star squad and the Massachusetts Division 2 State Team.



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## WHS Boys Hoop Preview

## Young and inexperienced squad eager to get going

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WILMINGTON - The good news coming off last year's season is that the Wilmington High School Boys Basketball team finished 10-11 and qualified for the state tournament, which came after the team finished 5-35 in the previous two seasons combined.

The bad news is Wilmington lost two prolific scorers from last year's team in Connor Bennett, who surpassed the 1,000 point plateau and Zach Abbott, who really came on with his outside shooting.

The good news entering this season is that the Middlesex League took a huge hit with a number of very good players no longer playing whether they graduated or transferred. That bad news is this year Wilmington's schedule is again gruesome - they will be facing either 12 or 13 teams that participated in last year's state tournament including Arlington, maybe Arlington Catholic and St. Clement, which finished as the Division 2, 3 and 4 North sectional finalists a year ago.

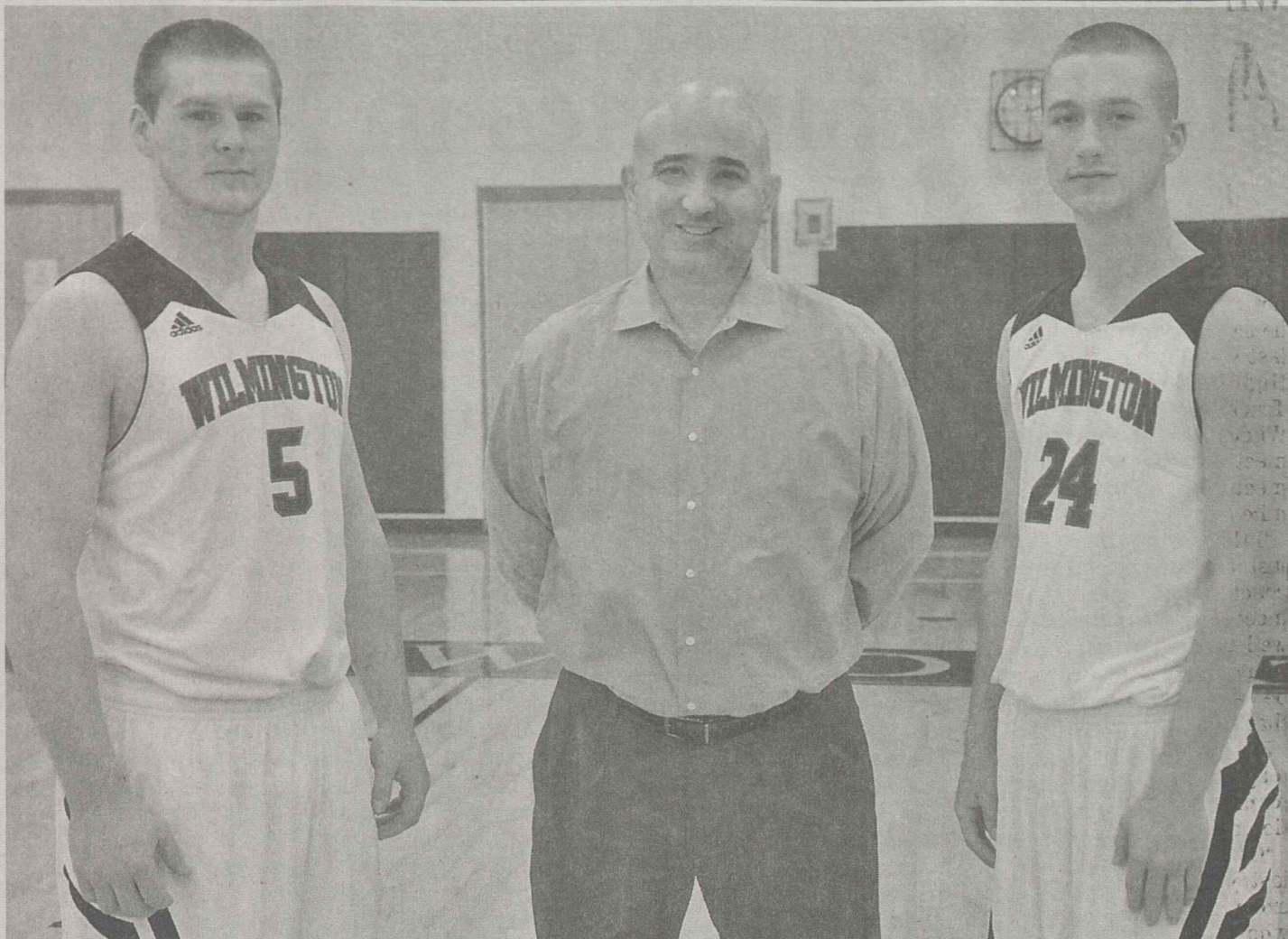
The good news is this year's team is fast and athletic. The bad news is this year's team has no size and no healthy post-players.

"Our weakness obviously is our size and overall experience," said head coach Joe Maiella, who is entering his seventh season with a mark of 52-70. "We have the three guys who played from last

year, (Matt) Spurr, (Matt) Woods and (Graham) Smith. Right now we have no experienced (varsity) players coming off the bench and that's a major competition right now. We need to find out who the sixth, seventh and eighth players are and currently that's wide open, wide open. It'll will change game-to-game and it changes day-to-day depending on who we play. All of those kids who are up from the JV team are all good kids, they are all working hard and now we just need to have a few of them step up."

This year's team will be led by co-captains Spurr and Woods. They along with Smith are the only players who return with any varsity experience.

"We have athletes and we'll be athletic," said Maiella. "We have speed. I think our five starters are the five best athletes in the school with Matt Spurr, Graham (Smith), Danny Gracia, Joe Gaudreau and Matt Woods. Four of them are three-sport athletes and Joe is very good in track. We're very athletic and we want to use that to our advantage. We're going to spread teams out and really attack and shoot the three-pointer. We don't have much of a post offense right now with Cam Walsh out hurt and he's our only post presence. So we're going to spread teams out, use our quickness to our advantage, spread teams out and shoot the three-pointer more. We can't pound the ball in anymore as we don't



Wilmington High School Boys Basketball coach Joe Maiella will look to his captains, Matt Woods (left) and Matt Spurr (right) to lead the team on and off the court this season. (photo by JoeBrown.photo)

have Connor (Bennett) so offensively we're going to have to run, get some good shots in transition, take some three-pointers in transition and have our athletes attack the basket."

Of the five starters, four of them are guards with Spurr, Smith, Gaudreau and Gracia, while Woods is a forward.

"Both Spurr and Smith are guards, so they'll both bring the ball up and be our point-guard," said Maiella. "They both can handle the ball, they both can shoot, they both can attack the basket. Gracia we are very high on.

He's 6-foot-2. The thing with him is he was the shortstop for the baseball team last spring so he's already played in big games so he's not going to be phased playing for us.

"Woodsie is an athlete so we're going to try to create mismatches with him. If a big 6-foot-4 kid is covering Matt, we're going to try to isolate Matt and do something what teams did to Connor last year and try to see if you can beat them off the dribble. We have to use what we have to our advantage."

The rest of the team

includes senior forward Curtis Jean-Francois, junior center Cam Walsh, junior forwards Steve Bonish, Robbie Ducharme, Daniel Judkins and Michael Cocca, junior guards Zack Richards and Russell Abbott.

Wilmington opened the season on Tuesday against Woburn and will stay on the road for its next two with stops at Lexington (18th) and Belmont (21st) before coming home to face Melrose on the 23rd. After that will be the annual K of C Tournament which returns to WHS and will feature an outstanding Tewksbury

team, as well as Sharon (11-10) and Arlington Catholic (17-6). Wilmington will face AC on Monday, Dec 28th at 7, and either Tewksbury or Sharon the following night.

Besides those two non-league games, Wilmington will face Tewksbury and St. Clement once each. In addition will be two games each with ML Freedom Division opponents Melrose, Watertown, Wakefield, Stoneham and Burlington and one game each with Liberty Division foes Woburn, Lexington, Belmont, Winchester, Arlington and Reading.

## Tanners too much for the Wildcats in season opener

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WOBURN - Teams around the Middlesex League were starting to feel sorry for the Woburn High boys basketball team and head coach Tom Sullivan as word got out quickly he could be missing 60 percent of his starting lineup to open the season.

Brandon Moscat was supposed to be out four weeks after having his appendix burst, 6-foot-5 senior center Eric Martin was supposed to be out with an ankle sprain and Mat Catizone had looked hobbled after being cleared recovering from a knee injury.

But one look in the layup

line last night in the season opener saw all three seniors warming up getting ready to go and the rest is history as the Tanners thrashed Wilmington at Torrice Gymnasium, 73-48.

All three players were supposed to be either out or limited and all three played, and played well.

Catizone looked like the old Catizone of last year with his precision cutting and quickness getting his shot off and finished with a game-high 33 points.

Moscat - who is still trying to get back in game shape coming off surgery two weeks ago - finished with 10 points, 7 rebounds, 6 assists and 4 steals as he was the second best player

on the court when it was thought he wouldn't even played.

Martin hauled in six rebounds off the bench but his presence is needed if their team is going to make a run.

Junior Matt Juko had 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Tanners while Wilmington was led by Joe Gaudreau's 20 points on six 3-pointers.

Still, the story of the game was how the walking wounded of Woburn didn't look that wounded after all.

"Mat was terrific and Mos was supposed to be out three-four weeks and he beat it by two weeks and he was great too," admitted Sullivan who has seen these two dominate games now for three years. "Dustin (Ludwig) had a good all-around game, Martin's first day back was yesterday and Juko I thought was great. He has a lot of talent."

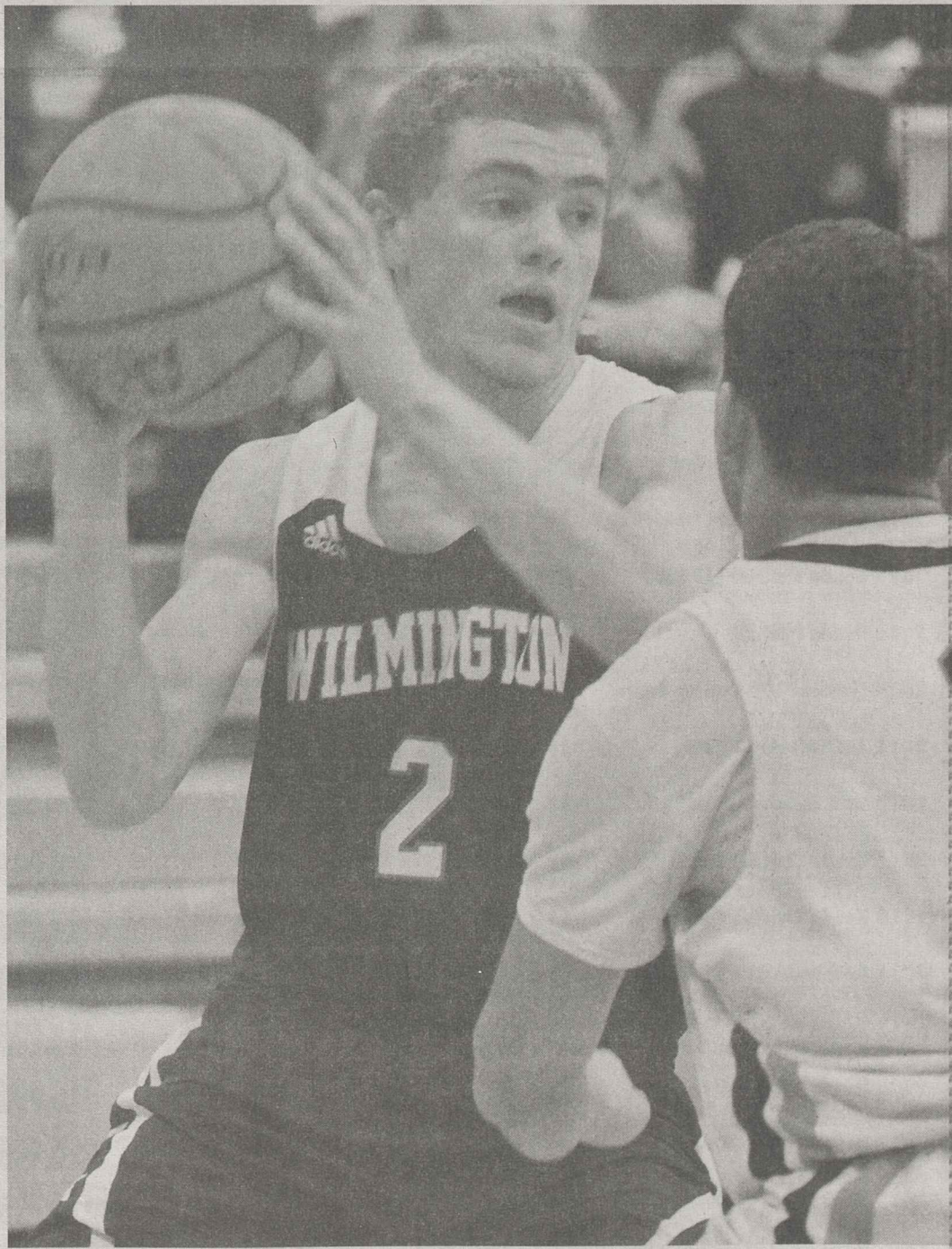
Wilmington came out playing a diamond-and-one on Moscat trying to shut down the All-League guard but it really only contained him some. The problem is Moscat is so heady he knows when it is time to look to score and when it is time to let Catizone do his thing and last night was just that.

Catizone was impossible to stop scoring 18 of his 33 in the first half and wound up nailing five from distance for the night.

Give the Wildcats credit they hung around trailing by only six at the break (32-26) as they got tremendous contributions from Gaudreau's shooting and terrific grit and scrap by Matt Spurr (9 points) and Matt Woods (6 points).

In the third quarter everyone got in on the act for the Tanners as they pulled away. Catizone and Ludwig each had big 3-pointers while Juko was all over the offensive glass getting put backs.

Starter James Doyle (5 points) and reserve Blake McDonald (2 points) also had good stretches, but each time Wilmington seemed to have something



Joseph Gaudreau was very impressive in his varsity debut scoring 20 points, including six three-pointers during Tuesday night's loss to Woburn held at Woburn High School. (photo by JoeBrown.photo)

go their way, Catizone was there to bury one of his patented pull ups.

"We felt we were competitive with them in the first half down only six but Catizone got hot," admitted Wildcats coach Joe Maiella. "We feel we can be competitive in this league but Woburn has got us pretty good the last few times we have played them."

"They are a very good team and we tried to take Moscat out early with the diamond-and-one but then Catizone heated up. It's pick your poison with those two," Maiella continued. "Catizone really impressed

me. He is a very good player."

Wilmington sophomore Graham Smith hit a 3-pointer with 6:08 left in the third quarter to cut the Woburn lead to 40-32 forcing Sullivan to call a timeout to get into his team some for leaving another guy open from behind the arc.

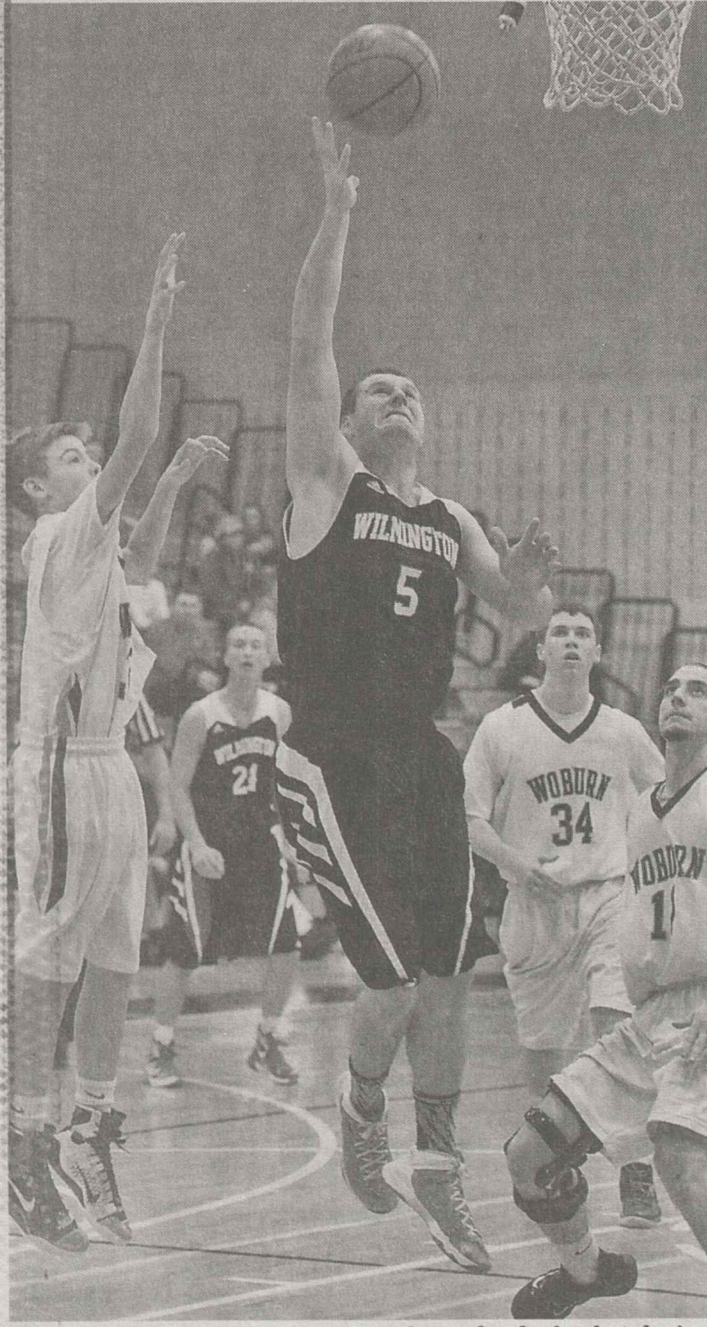
The little pep talk - or scolding - worked as the Tanners ripped off 11 straight points and when Juko buried a jumper from Martin with 1:02 left in the third Woburn found themselves in total control up, 51-32.

A blow by drive and pull

up each by Catizone ended the third quarter scoring for the Tanners as they led 55-37 after three.

Sullivan went big midway into the fourth and got contributions from the rest of his roster.

Junior Gabe Donascimento (6-foot-4) and sophomore Nick Metrano (6-foot-3) patrolled the paint while Andrew Villegas, Joanes Vincent, Austin Stachowski and the very talented freshman point guard Ryan Ludwig all looked good in their extended minutes as Woburn outscored the Wildcats in the fourth, 18-11.



Wilmington High senior Matt Woods attacks the basket during Tuesday night's season opening loss to Woburn held at Woburn High School. (photo by JoeBrown.photo)



## WHS Girls Track Preview

# Added depth could be the difference

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WILMINGTON - It could not have been anymore heartbreaking than it was last year for the Wilmington High School Girls Indoor Track-and-Field team. The Wildcats finished the dual meet season 1-4 as all five meets came down to the mile relay.

"I think we could go 5-0 and just as easily go 0-5," said coach Brian Schell. "Every meet this season could very well come down to the mile relay again so it's going to be an interesting season that's for sure."

But the best part of that tough 1-4 season is the entire team is back with the exception of one shot put thrower.

"Of our point-getters from last year, everyone is back except Brianna Tavares, who did the shot put," said Schell. "The biggest thing we had last year was out of the ten scoring events, we would usually get seven first places and still lose so we didn't have that depth. Right now we got the numbers and now we need the depth."

"I think we have some strong freshmen and sophomores who can supply that needed depth. We have a lot of freshmen - last year we had one - and now we have eleven. We also have a lot of new sophomores. They look strong and committed as well."

This year's team will be led by its four captains: Sam Pitzi, Julia Gake, Elisabeth Olson and Anna De La Cruz. Last year Gake and Pitzi finished second and 12th, respectively in the 600-meter run in the Division 4 Class Meet, while Gake moved on to finish 8th at the entire state with a time of 1:38.90. Schell said that Pitzi will remain in the 600 but Gake will be bumped up to the 1,000 meter run this year.

Olson finished 18th at the Class Meet in the mile coming in at 5:50.47 and De La Cruz will also compete in the distance events and is coming off a successful cross-country season, like Olson. Joining the two of them in distance events will be senior Annie Romanzo as well as sophomore Alison Sullivan and freshman Alyssa Bernazani.

Juniors Cece Chase and Shannon Horgan will be the team's top sprinters, Taeya Peroni is one of the top middle distance runners and Danielle Baldi is back in the hurdles. As for field events, Moesha Beray, Jamie Shanning and Sophia Puccio are the top three in the shot put, while the team is still trying to figure out who will do the high jump and long jump.

"We don't have anyone who can clear the opening height but that was also a weakness for a lot of other teams last year as well," said Schell.

Others who will be in the mix include seniors: Taylor Santry, Mira Patel, Katy Bischoff, Jess Lifton, Christina Cox and Charlotte Sulick; juniors: Lizzie Eckelkamp, Julianna Mastorilli, Nadia Barletta, Madison Knibbs and Julianna Iocco;

Also, sophomores: Abigail Genthner, Lailoo Perriello, Alexcia Cox and Cassidy Donovan, and then freshmen Kerri Barnum, Sophia DeMarco, Sophia Novak, Sophia Giampaolo, Amie Russell, Ashlyn Finn, Emma Garrity, Victoria Sheehan, Natalie Gosselin and Dorothea Alberti.

## CATS WIN OPENER

On Monday, the Wildcats opened their season with a convincing 52-34 dual meet victory over Melrose held at the Lexington High Track Facility.

"I am happy to see the



This year's WHS Girls Track Captains include from left, Elisabeth Olson, Julia Gake, Sam Pitzi, and Anna De La Cruz. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).

commitment and the drive that everyone has, especially from my underclassmen," said Schell. "Lexington's facility is not your regulation size and shape track so as far as running events go I was not expecting any times to be over the top. But for what the overall results were I am very pleased."

"I can't say any one individual made a big impact as this meet was a great team effort all around and it looks like everyone is picking up where they left off last year and those first time are fit-

ting right in."

Coming away with first places included: Elisabeth Olson in the mile (5:54), Julia Gake in the 1,000 (3:16), Sam Pitzi in the 600 (1:51), Alexcia Luna in the 300 (46.6), Danielle Baldi in the 45-yard hurdles (7.7), Taeya Peroni in the 45-yard dash (6.44) and then the 4x400 relay team of Pitzi, Olson, Victoria Sheehan and Gake with a combined time of 4:37.

Earning second places were Alyssa Bernazani in the mile (6:14), Taylor

Santry in the 1,000 (3:43), Sheehan in the 300 (46.9), Anna De La Cruz in the two mile (13:32) and Cece Chase in the 45-yard dash (6.46). Finally third places were taken by Emma Garrity in the 1,000 (3:48) and Annie Romanzo in the two mile (14:47).

"Right now our biggest issue lies in the field events," said Schell. "We got swept in both shot put and high jump, and if we want to continue winning we can not be giving away 18 points every meet. That's almost half of

the needed points to be guaranteed a win."

"We look good as a team right now. Although watching all of the other towns competing as well, no meet can be taken lightly. We still need to step up in some areas and build more depth and experience which we lacked last year. We face Wakefield next and even though they were the only team we beat last year, they are still a strong opponent in every event."



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## WHS Girls Hoop Preview

## Lady 'Cats looking to improve on last year's mark

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WILMINGTON - Last year was "a rebuilding year" for the Wilmington High School Girls Basketball team. The year before the team finished 16-5 and lost almost its entire team and last year the young and inexperienced roster had its expected ups-and-downs and finished with an overall mark of 6-14.

After losing two senior starters from that team, the 2015-'16 team is still very young with just two seniors that have varsity experience as well as a total of seven sophomores on the 13-member roster.

"We're young again with a lot of sophomores," said third year head coach Brie Karow, who sports a record of 22-19. "They are great kids who work very hard in practice. If I work them, if I run them, they don't complain and they don't do it, and in the scrimmages it's not for the lack of effort. We have seen some good things so far. It's a great group of girls who are always giving everything that they have."

Karow said that her starting five players have yet to be determined, and a lot of her decisions will depend on the return of sophomore Caroline Anderson, who

broke her ankle during the final practice of the volleyball season. Karow expects her to be back, probably on a lighter scale on the second or third game, before she gets back to 100 percent.

"Caroline got cleared (last week) for fifty percent, so we're hoping by the second or third game we can gradually put her in. We'll see but we're going to have to work her in."

This year's team will be led by its senior co-captains, guard/forward Erica Pudvelis and guard Kaila Bavin. Bavin will be one of three possibilities for the point guard position, along with junior Christina Woods and sophomore Bella Granara.

"It still depends on who we are playing and match-ups," said Karow. "It could be Kaila Bavin, it could be Woodsie or it could be Bella sometimes. It could be all three in a game or a different one depending on what play we call, so it's just going to be a rotation."

Once Anderson is healthy, she'll be among the solid 1-2 inside punch along with junior Haley DiLorenzo, who really came on strong last year. Sophomore Morgan Bresnahan will also see time in the post, and she also possesses very good size.

The rest of the team con-

sists of seniors Kellie Souza and Bridget Sullivan and sophomores Dana Goulet, Liz Gordon, Jill Roche and Fariha Haque.

"We're going to do a lot on match-ups," said Karow. "We're trying to be flexible and rotate kids through and see how things go from there. We have a lot of sophomores and almost all of them are freshmen who played on the JV team last year and they are playing a lot for us right now. It's really nice to see kids like Jill Roche get on the floor. I know it's just pre-season scrimmages but she's not shaken and she's taken control of her opportunities."

Wilmington will once again compete in the Middlesex League Freedom Division along with Watertown, Melrose, Wakefield, Burlington and Stoneham, while they'll face Liberty Division foes Woburn, Arlington, Lexington, Belmont, Woburn and Winchester one time each. In addition the Wildcats will face Tewksbury and Methuen twice each in home-and-home non-league games. Of those 13 opponents, seven made the state tournament last year.

"The goal is to make the state tournament," said Karow. "I'd love to be a few games over .500 and we'd



Wilmington High School Girls Basketball Coach Brie Karow will look to co-captains Erica Pudvelis (left) and Kaila Bavin (middle) to lead this year's varsity team. (photo by JoeBrown.photo)

like to really push for that. We'd like to do well in (the Middlesex League Freedom Division). Every game is up

in the air and it'll come down to who wants it more.

Wilmington opens the season with three road games

against Woburn, Lexington (18th) and Belmont (21st) before coming home to face Melrose on the 23rd.

## Two-time Liberty Champs top Wildcats

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WOBURN -- New season, same result for the two-time Middlesex League defending Liberty Division champ Woburn Tanners as the hosts pulled away from Wilmington in the regular season opener Tuesday night at Torrice Gymnasium, 64-40.

Many of the familiar faces are back for Woburn and from the looks of things last night didn't skip a beat.

Sophomore Mya Blazejewski had a big game in a starting role leading the Tanners with 18 points while All-Everything junior point guard Marissa Gattuso was on fire with 15 points, 8 assists and 8 steals as she was causing havoc for the Lady Wildcats all evening long.

Elle Brennan had 8 blocks for Woburn with some being of the very loud variety as the Tanners easily improved to 1-0 on the young season.

"I think it was a very good first game," said Tanners coach Steve Sullivan. "The girls did a good job and something we can build off of."

"They moved the ball, created some shots, got some spacing, played hard and we got contributions from everyone who played," continued Sullivan. "We have a lot of players who are pretty similar, doing things well and fighting for minutes."

Sullivan was able to get his starters rest in the final quarter of the game with the big lead allowing some young players to really step up.

Freshman Marina Rufo

looks like she can really contribute right away with 8 points, while junior guard Tori Cerulli was very active giving Sullivan what appears to be a strong bench this season.

For Wilmington, Christina Woods led with 8 points, while Bella Granara and Erica Pudvelis had 7 each.

"The girls worked hard and kept fighting," said Wilmington head coach Brie Karow. "We let a full court trap press affect us and we didn't take care of the ball, which led to easy transition lay-ups (for Woburn). It wasn't necessarily the opener we wanted, but certainly a lot to learn from."

Jamie Pote contributed to this report.



During Tuesday night's season opening loss to Woburn, Kellie Souza handles the ball and looks to make a move around a Woburn defender. (photo by JoeBrown.photo)

## Boys Track team showing promise

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WILMINGTON - After finishing with one win over the .500 mark last year, the Wilmington High School Boys Track-and-Field team is hoping to take that success to the next level starting with the season opening meet against Melrose held on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime. The Wildcats finished at 3-2 last year and although the team lost a handful of solid performers, head coach Mike Kinney likes what he sees so far from the 2015-'16 group.

"We have a large group, a well-balanced group," said Kinney. "We have some athletes and we should be competitive. If we execute and perform, anything could happen."

This year's team will be led

by its four senior captains: Conor Bailey, Devan Langenfeld, Kyle Nelson and Evan Sperlinga. Bailey will be one of the top distance runners, Langenfeld qualified for the states in several different events last year, Nelson throws the shot put and Sperlinga is a returning league all-star sprinter.

Also in the mix will be Brad Aldrich in the 300, Ian Falcon Rivera in the 600, Dan Tetreault and Justin Ekstrom in the middle distance events, then Langenfeld, Sperlinga and Steve Godfrey will be used in several different running events.

Nelson will lead up the shot put throwers.

"He is just a really tough kid and he's going to be good in the shot put," said Kinney. "He's a really focused kid. He's a short kid but he really gets a lot out of it. He really

has excellent technique and is really quick. Chris Patrone will be our best high jumper. He's really good. He's a quiet kid and he should make the state meet in the high jump."

Ted Veerman and Matt Medeiros will join Nelson in the shot put, Mason Ouellette and Tyler Von Kahle will compete in the high jump and probably hurdles as well.

The rest of the team will include seniors Steve Langenfeld, Justin Leger, Tim Scalona, Jack Stanford and Ryan Williams; juniors Matt Abbott, David Bell, Nick Gorham, DJ Kenney, Conor Gilbride, Jared Magliozzi, Cam Pickett who is over from the hockey team, Raymond Russell, Jack Sweeney and Ican Yermakov.

The sophomores include:

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Senior co-captain Kaila Bavin looks to make a pass during Tuesday night's loss to Woburn. (photo by JoeBrown.photo)



# Talented underclassmen could push Wildcats back to state tourney

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WILMINGTON - Last year the Wilmington High School Boys Hockey team had trouble finding the back of the net. The lack of scoring eventually led the team to a disappointing 8-10-4 record, which was not only the team's lowest win total in eight years but it was the first time the program didn't qualify for the post-season play since that 2006-'07 season.

Steve DeFuria, who scored 17 goals a year ago and just couldn't get much help from the rest of the cast, has since graduated, among a handful of other players. That leaves this year's team pretty young, but veteran head coach Steve Scanlon (308-163-56) believes there's enough skill on this year's roster to hopefully get the program back to post-season play for the 20th time in his 25 years as head coach.

"My older kids are more experienced and bigger, but the younger kids are more skilled," he said. "We're hoping to have a decent blend there. We have some real good young and exciting players. Those younger kids have scored some goals in the scrimmages and last year goals were hard to come by. I think we're going to be a little bit more balanced this year with those young kids."

Certainly there's optimism around the club to turn things around but to do it with a young club is not easy, especially with the schedule the Wildcats have once again competing in the Middlesex League. Wilmington will face either 11 or 12 teams that competed in last year's state tournament, including Woburn out of the 1A Tournament, Arlington the Division 1 North Sectional Finalist and Watertown, the Division 3 state champions.

"It's Woburn, Reading and Burlington and then every-

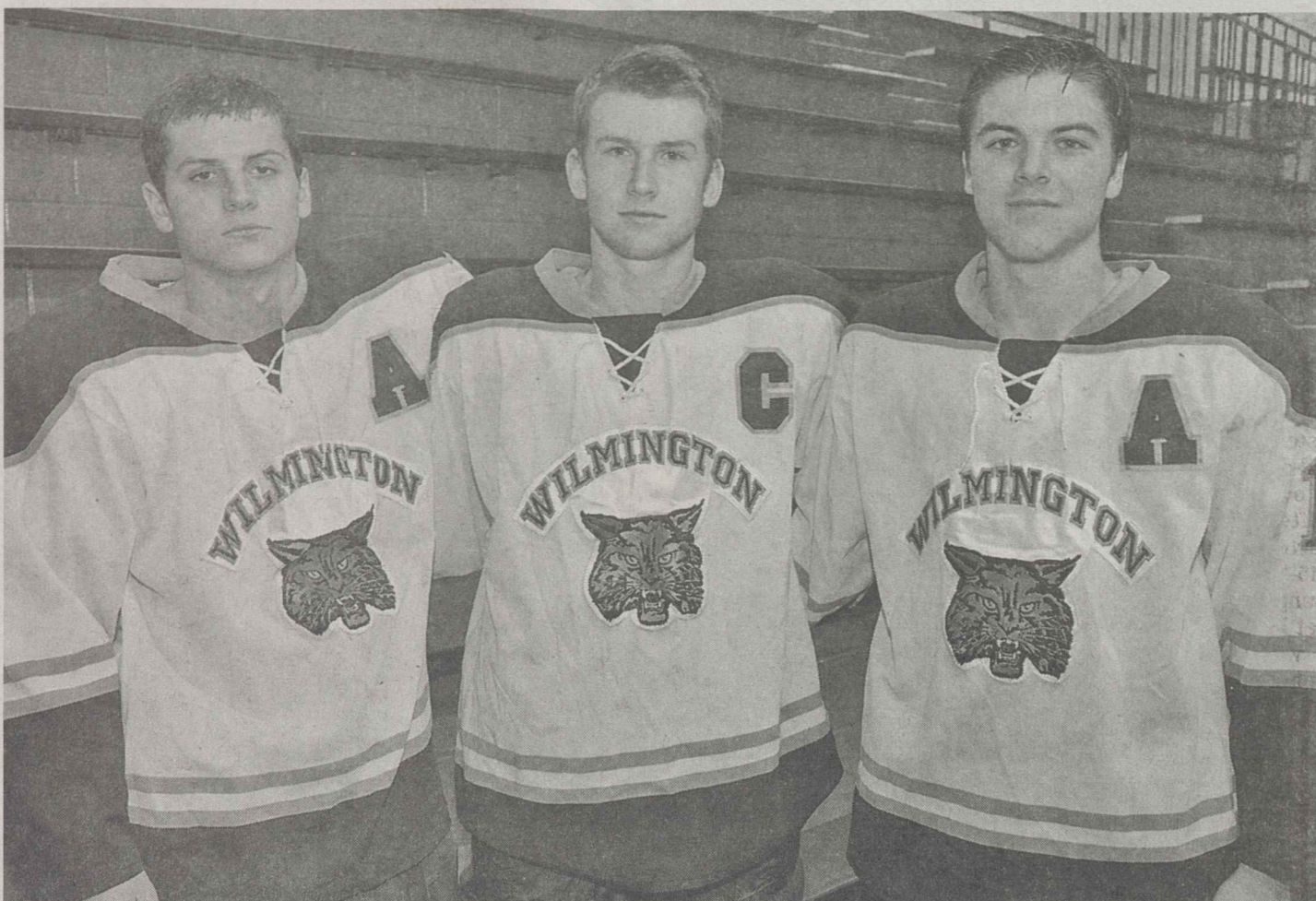
body else is even and anyone can beat anyone," said Scanlon. "But those three teams are very powerful. Woburn has almost everyone back from their Super-8 appearance and they have the best forward and the best defenseman in the league. Reading has almost the entire team back and Burlington just has so much depth. They have four lines and they just continue to run at you. They'll be very tough."

Besides being young, facing the gruesome schedule, Wilmington also has to open the season with four straight road games before hosting Acton-Boxboro at home on Tuesday, December 29th (while all other Saturday home games have been shifted to 8:30 pm). The 'Cats faced Woburn on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime before going to Lexington on Saturday night. After that the 'Cats will participate in the annual Haverhill Christmas Tournament and will face Masconomet in the first round, and then either Haverhill or Shawsheen Tech in the finals or consolation final. Haverhill is the returning Division 2 North sectional finalist.

With the younger roster intact, Scanlon said the biggest surprise thus far from pre-season has been the play of goalies Nick Russo and Ryan St. Jean. Russo saw some varsity action last year and St. Jean is up from the JV team.

"Both goalies have been a big surprise," said Scanlon. "They have both done very well in the scrimmages so far. If it stays like this, we'll rotate them each game and we can go every other game unless one of them takes it. Ryan is a little bit quicker and Nick is more experienced and has a bigger presence in the net. They are both been very even so far."

As of last Thursday, Scanlon said that every



The Wilmington High School Boys Hockey team hopes to get back into state tournament play this year behind captain Brian Cavanaugh (middle) and assistant captains Joe Kelley, left, and Shawn Giroux, right. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).

scrimmage he had changed the forward lines around and planned on doing it again as he continues to try to find the right combinations. As of the time of the interview last Thursday, Scanlon had the combinations of seniors Eric Steeves and team captain Brian Cavanaugh with junior Josh Buske; junior Dan Woods with sophomores Bobby Lord and Tom Worob; senior Cole Walsh with sophomore Nate DiMeco and freshman Ryan Barrett; and then senior Steve Cannata and junior Jared Spinney in the mix as well.

Defensively it'll be assistant captains Shawn Giroux and Joe Kelley as the first pair, then junior Kyle Collins and sophomore Jared Aucoin as the second pair, while the third duo will be sophomore A.J. McKearney and freshman

Tim Kippenberger. "Defensive will be our strong suit," said Scanlon.

"Kelley, Giroux and Collins are all solid. This Kippenberger kid is the real

deal. They can all skate, they all know the game and that'll be our strength."

## Girls get all tied up in opener

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WILMINGTON - Wilmington High School Girls' Hockey coach Mike Gautreau hopes that an influx of young talent will help the Wildcats secure their first winning year in seven seasons. One immediate problem faced Gautreau and his team in this goal: they did not have a goalie.

Shelby McHugh, who had a terrific season last year has since graduated and back-up Rose Cuozzo elected not to try out for the team. That left the nest empty until a few volunteers stepped for-

ward. Freshman April Haines told Gautreau that she would give it a try, despite having no previous experience with the game of ice hockey. Haines earned major praise for her performance in the fall on the WHS Freshmen Field Hockey team where she also played goalie, but there was no assurance that this would lead to one-ice success.

But Haines's performance during Sunday's season opener against Marblehead certainly was a great start. She faced 15 shots on the net and made a number of jaw-dropping saves, saving the

puck repeatedly when it seemed that a goal was all but assured. Four goals would be allowed during the game, but these shots were almost always beyond her power to save, despite best efforts.

"I think she's going to be a great goalie, and she's committed to the position and the team, which is huge," Gautreau said.

And Haines was not the only to step up. Senior co-captain Jamie Spinazola has also elected to don the bulky goalie pads for the team, despite her own lack of expe-

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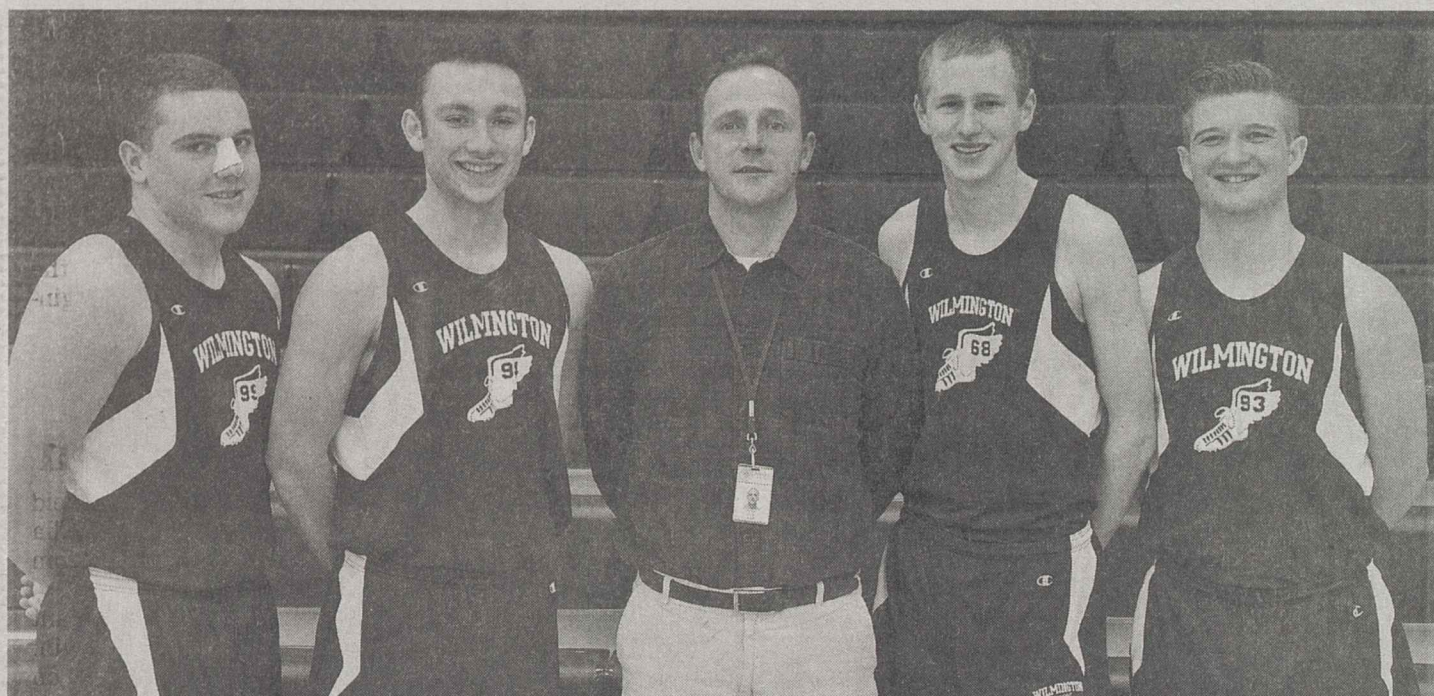
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Above are this year's WHS Girls Hockey captains from left, Jamie Spinazola, Cayman Hardy and Sam Grasso and below are the Boys Track captains with coach Mike Kinney, from left, Kyle Nelson, Evan Sperlinga, Connor Bailey and Deven Lagenfeld.



## Girls get all tied up in opener

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rience in the position.

Gautreau singled out both Haines and Spinazola for praise, greatly admiring how the girls committed to everything from extensive drills to off-ice training in their drive to master their new position.

Nor was Haines the only player to impress in the team's debut 4-4 tie. Junior captain Samantha Grasso scored twice in the closing two minutes of the game to deliver the Wildcats from a loss, and sophomore Olivia Wingate also came through with a big goal. Sophomore Tia Woodward scored the very first goal of the season after barely only a minute of play.

"I was hoping for a win but I will settle for a tie," Gautreau said. "It's just a confidence builder. That comeback they had in the last couple minutes should prove to them that they can play against a Woburn or a Billerica or one of those teams."

The team will need all the talent that they can call upon, as the Lady Wildcats are in the midst of a cold streak that has run for the past few years. Last year's team petered out with a final record of 4-12-2, a long comedown from Gautreau's aspirations for a state tournament bid at the onset of the season.

But the new team seems energized and ready to roll. With defense like freshman Molly Foley, sophomores Lauren D'Angelo, Emily Hayden, Hailey Dusablon, and Jillian Miele, and forwards including freshmen Lia Kourkoutas, Jocelyn Palmer, Emma Surette, sophomores Danielle Silva and Hailey DeJesus, juniors Ellen Farrell and Nicole Gianatassio and senior co-captain Cayman Hardy, and goalie Diana Riley the team

is looking to creep up in the Middlesex League Freedom Division standings.

"We're young, which is good, but we have to try and be consistent," Gautreau said. "If we can play like we did in the last two minutes against Marblehead for the whole game, that's a win all day long. We need to stay healthy."

This will be Gautreau's first year as fixed head coach after serving as an interim coach last year, a position he stepped into with very little lead time before the start of the season. Now on the job on a permanent basis, Gautreau hopes to build out his coaching staff which currently includes Bridget Griffin and Drew Foley.

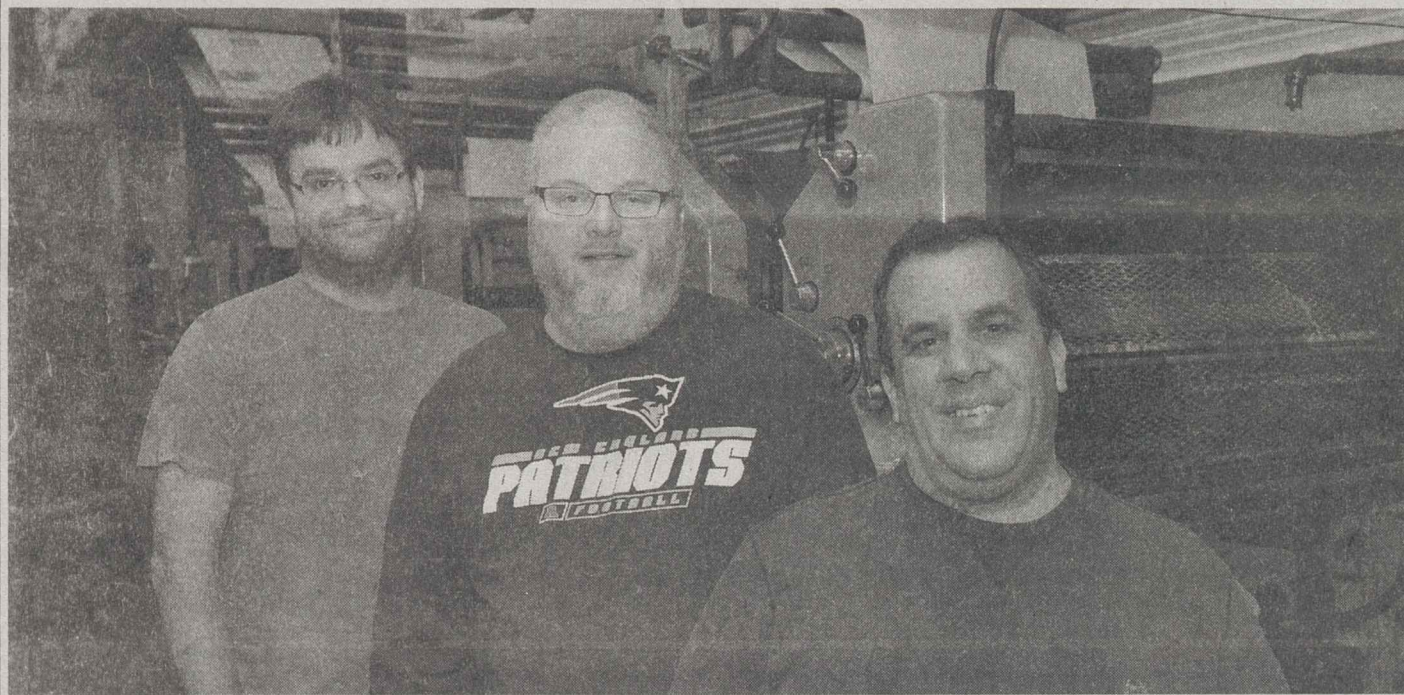
"Right now I'm putting a coaching staff together, which is key," Gautreau said. "It's going to pay dividends in the long run. With a young team like this, over time they are going to gel."

Only time will tell if this year's squad will prove to be a winning combination or if this year's team will be the eighth in a row to fall short of a winning record. But after battling their way back from bad odds in the first game, the Lady Wildcats have to be feeling good about their chances.

"We have fast girls and we have girls that have a lot of talent, so it's just a matter of time before they start clicking," Gautreau said. "You have to show up and work hard if you want to get ice time."

Wilmington faced Woburn on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime. They will be back in action with a home contest Saturday night against Lexington, beginning at 8:30 pm.

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## Boys Track team showing promise

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Finally the freshmen include AJ Curdo, Vincent De La Cruz, Max Duong, Tom Goodwin, Coleman Kelly, Matt LaRoccoa, Louis Nguynh, Ben Packer and Kevin Souza.

## Pee Wee 3's light the lamp ten times in latest win

The Wilmington Youth Hockey PeeWee 3's rolled to their most dominant win of the season this past weekend, earning a 10-3 victory over South Boston on Sunday afternoon at Steriti Memorial Rink in Boston.

The Wildcats(4-3-1), who won their second game in a row, received big time offensive contributions from their entire roster, led by Ben McEwen and David Olson, who had two goals each, while Chris Patterson had a goal and two assists, and Anthony Anguioni, Sean O'Donoghue and Shane Roberts each had a goal and an assist. Colby Medeiros and Adam Ippolito added one goal each to complete the offensive onslaught, while goalie Tom Dalton held South Boston at bay for much of the game after allowing an early goal.

South Boston actually took the early lead in the game, getting on the board just over two minutes into the contest, but the Wildcats did not take long to respond, with Olson getting his first of the game with 6:36 left in the period. McEwen would give the Wildcats their first lead of the game with 3:51 left in the period on an assist from Olson, and the Wildcats would take their 2-1 lead into the second period.

Wilmington would put the game out of reach in the second period, scoring five unanswered goals, including three in the first four minutes. Roberts got things

started just 25 seconds into the period, putting in a rebound of an Olson shot for a 3-1 lead, and Olson would make it 4-1 with 10:07 left in the period on his second goal of the game.

Patterson would make it 5-1 on a great rush up ice with 8:33 left after being sent out of his zone on a fine pass from Anguioni.

McEwen and O'Donoghue would also each score before the period was through, with O'Donoghue's goal coming with just 26 seconds left in frame to make the score 7-1 after two.

South Boston would close to within 7-2 early in the third period, but the Wildcats would respond with two quick scores of their own. Medeiros and Anguioni did the honors, with each goal coming off an assist from Patterson, pushing the lead to 9-2 halfway through the period.

South Boston would tally one more time, but Ippolito closed out the scoring for the Wildcats late in the third period to secure the 10-3 final.

The Wildcats applied constant offensive pressure throughout the game, with forwards Cam Tucker and Tyler Sheehan coming oh so close to getting on the score sheet, while defensively the Wildcats foursome of Shane Costello, Shane Papineau, Will Kenyon and O'Donoghue stifled the South Boston attack in front of Dalton.



## Despite low numbers, Wrestlers looking to pin down a winning season

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**WILMINGTON-** It is a rebuilding year for the Wilmington High School wrestling team, as the team tries to come to grips with losing a number of talented competitors to graduation or transfers.

After finishing with a 5-12 dual meet record, and losing three Middlesex League Championship Meet finalists in Fox Maxwell, Alex Ripianzi and Andrew Lesperance, cornerstones of last year's team, head coach Joel McKenna is hoping that this year's small and young group of grapplers can work diligently to get better and gain the experience that's needed to progress on the mat.

"We're going to take it a week at a time here," McKenna said. "We have a real young team this year. We graduated a lot of talent, lost another to a transfer, so we're coming into a transitional year. A lot of times with young kids, there comes a big learning curve."

Part of that learning curve is getting used to the often grueling mental and physical training that goes into being a wrestler, which includes getting both the diet and the wide variety of moves and strategies down pat.

"The lifestyle that comes with it can be challenging for some people," McKenna said. "You have to learn the ins-and-outs of things like diet and exercise to get to their weight class limit. You get kids who are coming into high school for the first time and aren't used to the demands and the time and dedication needed."

"It's not like a youth basketball game where they only have to show up for an hour and then go home. This

is an all-day event."

This will be McKenna's second year as head coach for the team, following his promotion last year from interim head coach stepping in for Mike Pimental. His first year the team finished in a three-way tie for the Middlesex League Freedom Division title.

McKenna hopes to get assistance from his captains, juniors Sam Jennings, who competes at 170 pounds and Jimmy Carroll, wrestling at 195 pounds, in conditioning the underclassman in the demands and rewards of the wrestling program. Jennings was a semi-finalist in last year's sectionals while only a sophomore.

"The biggest challenge can just be keeping their confidence up," McKenna said.

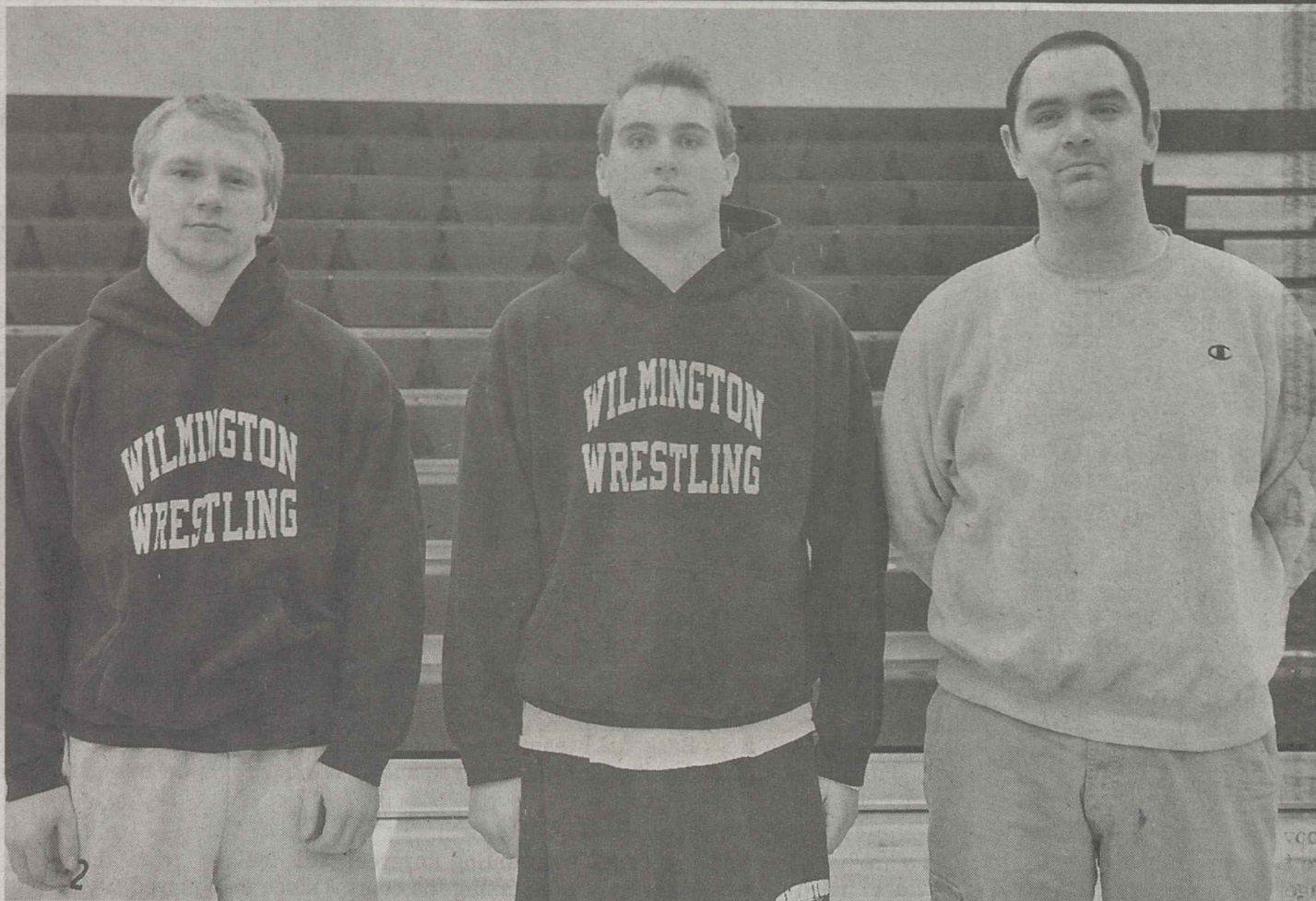
"With a young team, sometimes the wins won't come as often or as quickly as some kids would want. We have to make sure that they understand that they're not playing a sport where you have a team that you can rely on. You are out there as an individual and you are trying to learn from every match."

The Wildcats will need all the confidence they can get as they go up against the fierce competition of the Middlesex League Freedom Division.

McKenna already has an eye on the toughest competition, whether that's Wakefield, Melrose or, especially Billerica in a non-league match.

"Billerica has talent top to bottom," McKenna said. "They have three or four kids in their line-up that are state-championship caliber wrestlers."

Luckily, the Wildcats have loaded up with talent including freshmen Ethan Karnesky (113), Brodie Caizzi (120 or 126), Paxton Cook (220) and Matt



The WHS Wrestling team, coached by Joel McKenna, will be led by captains Sam Jennings and Jimmy Carroll.

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Hersom, sophomores John Cox (132 or 138) Patrick Carroll (145) and Cam Burke (152), juniors Josh Fitzler (126), Tyler Ward (182) and seniors Noah Shanning (160) and Lou Larffarello (285).

For competitors new and returning alike, the principals that will guide the team throughout their difficult remain the same as always for the program.

"We're not going to change anything that are cornerstones of what our philosophy is, which is a tough work ethic and working hard every day," McKenna said. "We have some older kids who we expect can go pretty far in the season. But even with them, we are going to take it one step at a time."

Perhaps the biggest challenge the team will face comes not from the opposition, but from the mental strength that will be needed to keep working even when things are not going the way

they desire. McKenna admits that the modern culture is one of instant gratification, but that is not the kind of thing that wrestlers can look forward to.

"A lot of kids don't want to wait be the best, or to win.

We live in a society where kids get everything immediately, and sometimes the sport of wrestling will knock you back a bit and show that you're not going to win automatically. You have to go out and work for it."

Wilmington faced Melrose on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime, and will host the annual Sons of Italy tournament on Saturday back at the Shriner's Auditorium beginning at 10:00 am.

## Squirt I's get come away with a shut out win

The Wilmington Wildcats Squirt 1 Team battled to a well deserved 2-0 victory over Medfield this past weekend. With solid defensive efforts from Jake Perry, James Caples, Ella Cedrone, and Bruce GreenAudette combined with a lights out performance in net from Griffin Carr, there was little Medfield could do to get on the board.

Offensive pressure from Jake Ciulla, Ryan Hayden and Daniel Lagunilla was constant throughout the game. Great backchecking and skating hard were key factors in the win. Casey Robbins, Jacob Smith and Liam Milne were an aggressive line that kept pressure on the Medfield netminder from the opening whistle.

The Wildcats would get on the board at 8:23 in the first period on a nice rush up the ice from Matt DiZoglio, who found the back of the net with a hard wrist shot. Medfield fought back with several good attempts only to be denied by Carr, and the Wildcats would take the 1-0 lead into the second period.

At 6:24 of the second period, the Wildcats would get the insurance goal they needed when Charlie Chirichiello, working hard on the boards, freed the puck up to DiZoglio who made a sweet pass to Bobby Dodge who fired it past the Medfield goalie making it 2-0 lead for the Cats.

In the third period Medfield made some good attempts to get into the game, but were unsuccessful as the Wildcat defense and offense proved to be a force, giving them the hard fought win.

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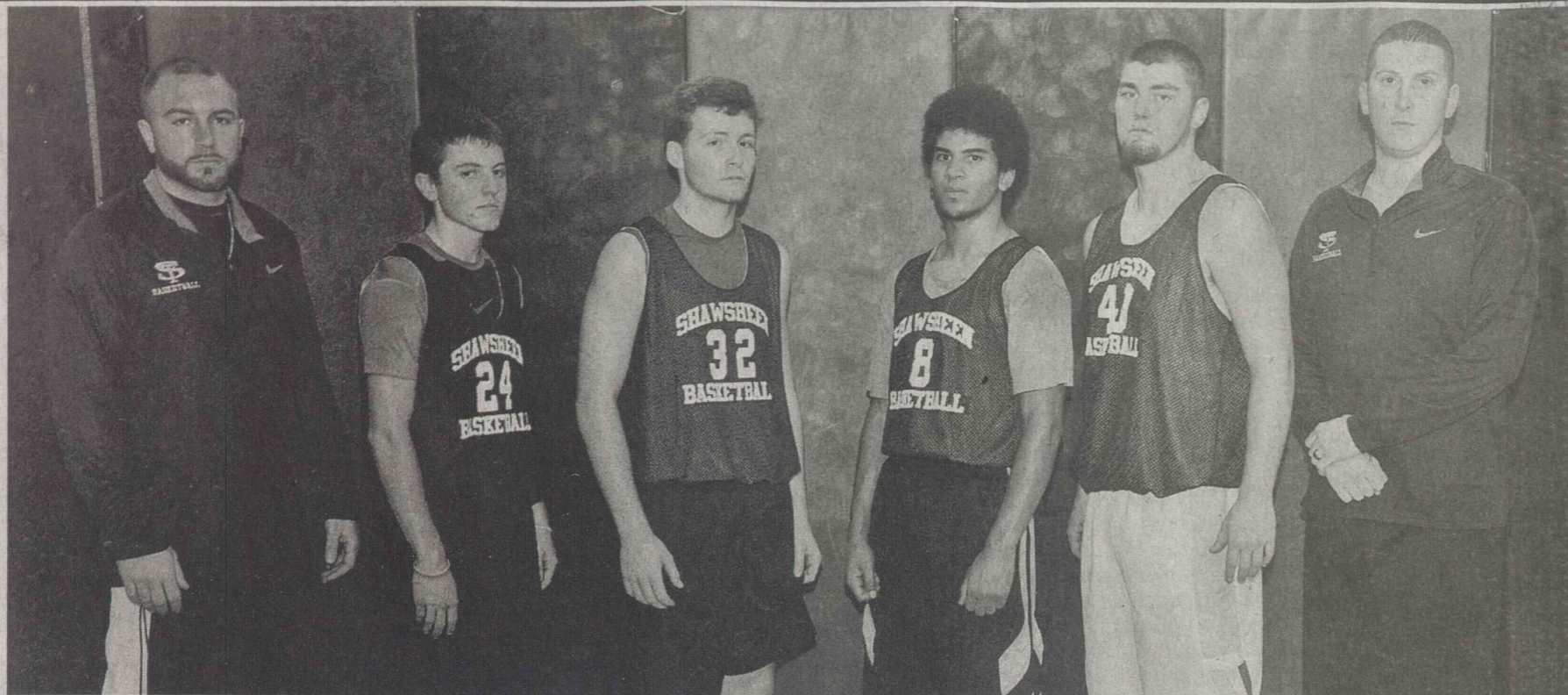
# Rams seeking another winning season

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BILLERICA -- The Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team enters the 2015-16 campaign on the heels on one of their best seasons in several years, having finished with a 12-10 overall record last season, but, more importantly, they qualified for the state tournament for the first time since 2012 and won their first tournament game, since 2004, knocking off South Boston in the first round of the Division 3 North sectional tournament before being eliminated by Minuteman in the quarterfinals.

Having won eight and six games respectively the past two seasons, it was a big step for the Shawsheen program, but Rams coach Greg Bendel, entering his fifth season at the helm of the Rams, does not think his team is done building or growing.

"We had a great season last year. It was a big step in the right direction for us," Bendel said. "Having a winning season and not only getting into the tournament, but hosting a game and beating South Boston in the first round was huge for our program. Even though we lost in the quarterfinals the experience was great, especially for our younger players who are back this year."



The Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team is hoping for another successful season. The group above includes assistant coach Joe Gore, left, with local players Jared Mason, Brendan Studley and Jared Roane of Tewksbury, Ryan Donnell of Wilmington and then head coach Greg Bendel.

(photo by JoeBrown.photo).

ers who are back this year.

"We are really excited about this group's potential. They have been working hard to get ready and are looking forward to building on last year's success."

The Rams will be looking to do that building without the services of last year's leading scorer and captain, Patrick DeCoursey, who averaged 13 points per game (ppg) last season.

"It will be really tough to replace Pat, he was our leading scorer and the leader of our team last year," Bendel said. "Pat is now stationed in San Antonio, Texas serving our country in the United States Air Force. I am really proud of him and looking forward to having him home for Christmas."

Replacing DeCoursey will not be easy, and Bendel knows it will take a group effort for this year's team to

do so, not wanting to reveal who will be taking the court for the Rams on Friday night when they open their season against Greater Lawrence.

"Right now we have twelve guys that are battle for starting positions and the competition has been good for us," Bendel said. "It's going to be tough to decide who starts for us when we open up."

Two of the players who almost certainly will be relied on heavily will be returning starters, sophomore guard Carmine Rogato and junior guard Sean Hines. Rogato was a CAC All-Star last season as a freshman, averaging 10.1 ppg, while Hines averaged 13 ppg to tie DeCoursey for the team lead.

"Carmine and Sean are both back this year and we are excited about their potential and what they can

do for our team this year since they played such a big role last season," Bendel said. "Both guys are talented ball players and hopefully they will be ready to take their game to the next level."

Another player the Rams will be relying on heavily will be senior forward Ryan Donnell of Wilmington, who will return to the lineup after being a key contributor last season.

We are really excited about Ryan this year. It's his senior season and he's been playing varsity for four years now. He has really grown into a leader for our team on and off the court," Bendel said. "We are hoping he can have a big impact scoring in the post and rebounding for us. He is such a great kid and he's a hard worker and I'm hoping he can finish his career with a strong senior season."

Another local for the Rams will be senior Jared Roane. Both he and Donnell are versatile athletes whom Bendel feels can be key contributors to the team this season.

Both played fall sports too. Jared played football and Ryan is a very good golfer for our school's team," Bendel said. "Both guys are also currently working on co-op and doing very well in their respective fields. Ryan is an Electrician working in Boston and Jared does architecture work at Wilmington Town Hall. I give these guys a lot of credit for working all day, sometimes very long hours and then coming to practice and still working their tails off. It says a lot about them and shows just shows how committed they are to our team."

Sophomore guard Jared Mason of Tewksbury will join the Rams varsity for the

first time this season.

"We are very excited about his potential as well," Bendel said. "He has been a very hard worker in practices."

Bendel, who feels that Greater Lawrence and Greater Lowell will be the teams to beat in the CAC this season, has yet to elect captains for his team at this point, but with the group of young men he has assembled, he will be confident in their abilities regardless of his choice.

"We haven't voted yet. It will be interesting because we have a bunch of good leaders on this team who are committed to helping this program," Bendel said. "I like this group of players and I'm really proud of how hard they are working. They are all really good kids and great students. I hope, they can have another successful season."

## Learning experience hoping to help Lady Rams this season

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BILLERICA -- Last season was a learning experience on many levels for the Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team, as they experienced their first season under the direction of head coach Aimee Sueltenfuss, who had taken over for long time coach Dick Barriss.

"Of course the Lady Rams did more than just learn last season, as they also did plenty of winning under Sueltenfuss, going 15-7 overall, including a win in the first round of the Division 4 North Tournament over Matignon before being eliminated by Pope John in the quarterfinals.

"This season there is no such learning curve for the Lady Rams, or for Sueltenfuss, who had been Barriss' assistant for six years before taking over the head coaching reigns last season. Shawsheen has hit the ground running, and Sueltenfuss is hoping that translates into an even more successful season this time around.

"This year things have started off very smooth and it has made the excitement of the season huge. We have a new assistant coach (Kate Marshall) with the program and she and I are on the same page with our preparations for the season," Sueltenfuss said. "We have changed a few things and as we move forward we plan to make more changes. We have a very talented freshmen class this year and are hoping that with some work the future will be very bright."

The Lady Rams will begin working towards that future without two key pieces of the past, having lost both forward Malorie Kiehl and point guard Emily Irwin, who finished her career with over 1,000 points. But they do return a talented group of seven letter winners from last year's squad, whom Sueltenfuss is hoping will help ease the transition.

"The loss of the two seniors is huge in many ways for me. Having them

around after being with me for the previous three years kept me emotionally grounded in many ways," Sueltenfuss said. "We have been working on filling their roles and still have a long way to go with that. The returnees are doing amazing in these first couple weeks of the season. They are showing me that they are ready to take over and do great things and I cannot wait to see how it all comes together."

Among those expected to fill those roles will be senior guard and co-captain Holly DeCoursey and junior center Tara Mickie. Both had fine seasons last year for the Lady Rams, and Sueltenfuss will be looking for more of the same this season.

"Holly is going to be a force this year and I am pushing her so hard every day to make her a stronger player both physically and emotionally. She plays with so much heart and sometimes that makes her aggression a little overboard. We are working hard to keep that to a positive level so that she can be the best she is possible on offense and defense. She stepped up in a scrimmage last night and showed how good she can really be if she keeps her emotions in line."

"Tara has the chance this year to really come out of her shell and take on huge roles. She has very little confidence in herself and Kate Marshall and I are working to break her of that and fine tune some of her skills to really make her be a threat. Coach Marshall was a center in high school and has set a goal to make Tara be a strong player underneath which will be huge for our team this year."

Filling Irwin's talented shoes will be no easy task, but stepping into that role as starting point guard will be freshman Sam Moriconi. Sueltenfuss knows that starting a freshman point guard will come with its share of ups and downs, but she is more than willing to deal with that considering the immense talent Moriconi brings to the posi-

tion.

"Starting a freshman is always an exciting but scary thing and having one start at the point guard is even more nerve wracking," Sueltenfuss said. "I took her aside last week and told her I am expecting great things from her and she has huge shoes to fill but I am confident that she can do it. Every day we are seeing more and more confidence in her play and having a senior guard like DeCoursey working with her is hopefully going to help."

Senior forward Katie Dunleavy of Tewksbury and junior forward Danielle Papa will round out the starting lineup and give the Lady Rams a formidable duo up front.

"Danielle saw a lot of time last year and is showing that this year she has more confidence and strength and hopefully will do very well. She is very hard on herself and we hope that we can fine tune her skills and she could be a huge player this year," Sueltenfuss said. "Katie will be the forward and again she is a player that has been on the varsity two years and this should be her year to add a lot to the lineup."

"She is very fast and we are hoping on defense that will lead to steals that we can turn into points. And offensively she can be a player that is in the double digits once she settles herself down and plays to her ability."

Other key returnees for the Lady Rams will be senior forward Katie McLaren of Wilmington, along with senior guard and co-captain Eileen O'Neill and senior center Kerrie Mallory, while some newcomers who will be counted on include freshman guard Rebecca Smith of Tewksbury, sophomore guard Ashlyn Troisi guard, sophomore forward Miranda Quinlan and junior guard Annmarie Riddle.

Shawsheen will need their entire roster to contribute if they are going to compete for the top of the CAC this season, as Sueltenfuss is hoping her team can pick up some wins they narrowly



The Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team's local players include from left, Rebecca Smith and Katie Dunleavy of Tewksbury, and Kait McLaren of Wilmington.

(photo by JoeBrown.photo).

missed out on last season.

"I think that Mystic Valley and Greater Lowell have the returning starters to be strong this year," Sueltenfuss said. "We faced tough league losses last

year that I hope we can fix this year. Whittier is always strong. They lost a lot of starters but somehow they always find a way to fill those spots."

## RAMS WIN OPENER

On Tuesday night, Shawsheen just edged out NDA of Tyngsboro, 45-42, behind Tara Mickie, who had 9 points and 17 rebounds.

## Girls hit the ice with some goals

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
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BILLERICA -- The Shawsheen Tech Girls Hockey team will enter this season under the direction once again of head coach Bob Roach and the team will be looking to rebound from a very tough 0-13-3 campaign a year ago. They have a hard working and talented group of players who are intent on doing just that.

The problem for the Lady Rams as they enter this season, however, is much the same as it was last season. As hard working and talented as they are, they are still a very young team, most of whom lack varsity hockey experience, and they will be learning as they go as they battle through their schedule as an independent team.

"We are going to be young again," Roach said. "We have some veterans coming back, but we have a lot of players who are just starting out."

The job for the Lady Rams won't get any easier with the loss of last year's leading scorer Kate O'Shea, who scored 25 goals last season,

but they will be looking for the veteran leadership of sophomores Catherine McKenna and Erin Mader of Tewksbury and senior Lee Fulkerson of Wilmington. Fulkerson had two goals and four assists last season.

"We are hoping for good seasons from all three of them," Roach said. "Erin is making a big switch for us, moving up from defense to forward. But she is a good athlete, so I think she can make the transition. They are working hard already to get better."

Another key player for the Lady Rams will be senior defenseman Katie Stevens of Wilmington.

"This is her third year on defense for us, and we expect her to do a real good job back there for us, and to be a good team leader," Roach said.

In net for the Lady Rams will be a pair of seniors, Devynn Fleming and Gillan Dailey.

"This is the second year for both of them," Roach said. "They worked hard over the summer and we are expecting big things from them this season."

While Roach will certainly be counting on his returning players to help lead the team on and off the ice, two of the players he is most excited about are freshmen Kendra Prezioso and Julia Ryan of Wilmington.

"They are solid hockey players. They have a great eye for the game and we are expecting a lot from them," Roach said. "We have them on a line with Catherine McKenna right now and we think they can be very productive for us."

While it may be too early to predict a winning season and tournament berth for the Lady Rams this season, Roach is confident that his team will be able to improve on last season.

"The girls are coming together, and we will need some of our players from last season to step up for us," Roach said. "We are expecting to have a good, competitive season. We will go from there and see how we do. We will get better as the season goes on. You can already see it in practice each day. They are getting better and better."



Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey Preview

# Defending league champs hungry for seconds

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
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BILLERICA – After a two year hiatus, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team once again enters this season as defending CAC champions, and despite some heavy losses to their roster due to graduation, the Rams have no intention on relinquishing their status as the best team in the league.

After winning CAC crowns every year from 2008-2012, the Rams were denied the title in 2013 and 2014. But last season they were better than ever, rolling to the league title with a 10-0 CAC record, outscoring their league opponents by a margin of 73-4.

Overall, the Rams finished 14-6-2 on the season, including a win in the first round of the Division 3 North sectional tournament over Swampscott, before being eliminated by Weston in the quarterfinals by a score of 4-3. Shawsheen also won the State Vocational championship with a 9-1 victory over Tri-County.

It will not be easy to duplicate last season's success, with the Rams losing three of their top four scorers from last season's team in Ryah Collins, Hunter Sawicki and Dan Huckins, who combined for 49 goals and 118 points on the season, but they do bring back a talented group of returnees, many of whom put up some big scoring numbers of their own.

Sophomore forward Matt Irwin returns from a freshman season where he scored 23 goals to go along with 13 assists for 36 points, while senior forwards Zach Buckland (12g, 13a, 25 pts) and Derek Abreu (8-17-25) will also return to the fold.

"We did lose those points, but I feel that we can fill those voids," said Chuck Baker, entering his tenth season as the Rams head coach. "Buckland, Abreu and Irwin all are back. They all had great seasons last year. We also have a few others that I hope can pick up some of the slack."

Baker has great confidence in the Rams offensive potential, based on what he has seen in the preseason. "Our team speed is great with the forwards. The competition level at practice is great as well," Baker said. "Our ability to score should be a strength as soon as we start to gel." The most intriguing player though, has to be Irwin. With the scoring touch he showed last season in his first ever season of varsity hockey, the sky appears to be the limit and Baker is looking for big things in his sophomore year. "Matt loves the game and has a great motor," Baker said. "At this time he is playing with

some very creative line mates and I hope that they click. I think Matt will again have a great season."

Other returning players the Rams will be relying in heavily this season will be senior right wing Sean Collin (7-5-12), junior left wing Jon Murray of Wilmington (5-7-12), senior center John Stokes (5-5-10), senior forward Matt Paolicelli (3-5-8) and the senior defenseman trio of Phil Masotta of Tewksbury along with Andrew Brown and Andrew Duarte of Wilmington.

Buckland will serve as the Rams captain, while Abreu and Paolicelli will be the assistant captains.

"All three are great kids. They are leaders on and off the ice," Baker said. "They work hard and are vocal and that will make them effective."

There will also be several new faces that Baker will be counting on the season, including junior right wing Griffin Blanch of Wilmington along with fellow juniors Jason Colletti, Aaron Bennett, John Foley, Ryan Hickey and sophomores Jack Duggan and Story Michaud.

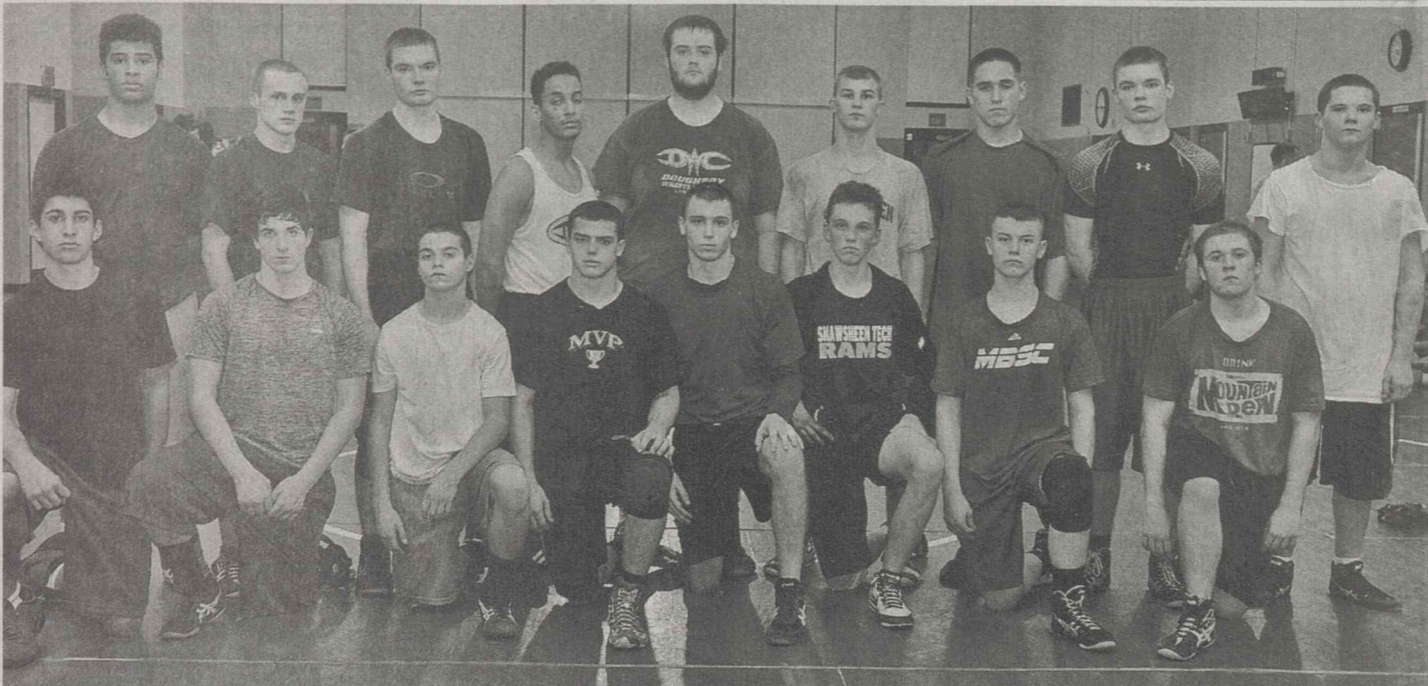
I have many new, talented faces in the locker room. I hope that they all rise to the occasion. Many kids that I am counting on have been working hard and developing at the JV level. Now they have made it and I hope once the nerves settle down, they have great seasons."

The Rams will also have to make a change in net, where Ryan Barnard started all but three games, earning seen shutouts long the way. While it might not be possible to predict that kind of dominance between the pipes this season, Baker is confident in the goalies on the Rams roster. Senior Jack Stone of Tewksbury, along with fellow seniors Corey Goggin and Anthony Cardaleen have been battling for the starting job throughout the preseason.

"All three are playing well," Baker said. "The one that makes the team and coaches confident will get the nod."

And whoever gets the nod in net, as well as whoever is skating for the Rams will be taking to the ice with some high expectations from Baker and the coaching staff, although he know it will not be easy against what should be an improved CAC this season.

"As far as teams in the league, Northeast of course, will be tough. Nashoba has bigger number so who knows," Baker said. "Rockport and Minuteman we will soon see next week. Our goal as usual is to take the league title. Only time will tell."



The Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team has plenty of local wrestlers this season including front row all from Tewksbury, from left: Nick Stephens, Tanner Lentz, Nick Lavino, Billy Tamboli, Charles MacMillian, Cody Sughrue, JJ Zemetres and Derek Steinbrecker; back row from left are the Wilmington residents including: Omar Edaly, Chance Harper, Owen Steen, John Martinez, Brendan Pierce, Tom Strow, Bryan Domek, Michael Steen, and Connor O'Brien. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).

Shawsheen Tech Wrestling Preview

# Big expectations remain on the mat for the proud wrestling program

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
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BILLERICA -- Every high school team loses talented players from year to year due to graduation, it's just the natural order of things, a fact of life at the high school level. But rarely does a team experience the loss of as many talented players as the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team will heading into this season, as they must replace no less than no less than five starters off of last year's team, including several who placed in post season tournaments, and CAC Wrestler of the Year Bryce Spinosa.

But you won't find Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan or his team lamenting their losses. The goal remains the same as ever for the Rams, who last season posted a 21-4 regular season record and captured their sixth straight CAC championship along with their seventh straight State Vocational title.

"I think we can compete for the league again, and maybe be a better tournament team," Donovan, entering his 32nd season as head coach, said. "We are a young team, we only have six seniors but we will be in tremendous shape. The work ethic in the room has been great so far and I expect that to continue."

While the Rams experienced many losses to their lineup, one of their best from last season will return to the lineup, as junior quad captain Jake Ferri will be looking to build on last season's incredible year which saw him win the Division 1 championship at 106 pounds, while also taking home sectional title honors. Ferri is not resting on his laurels by any means. He has his sights set even higher after finishing third at the All-State Meet last season.

"Jake is a throwback. He is a coach's dream," Donovan said. "His work ethic is second to none. He

is looking to become an All-State champ and a New England champ. He has done very well and I would expect him to do it again. He is an Iowa style wrestler, just a real hard nosed kid."

Senior quad captain Joe Fusco will also return to the lineup at 220 pounds, after taking second in Division 1 North at that weight last season. He is ranked second in the entire state in his weight class according to MassWrestling.com, and Donovan feels it is a very well deserved ranking.

"Joe's a kid who has matured every year, and he is a senior captain this year," Donovan said. "He has come a long way. He believes in himself and he works very hard. He always brings his best."

The rest of the Rams lineup is filled with some talented, if not exactly vastly experienced players, with sophomore Brett Kenney sliding into the 113 pound slot left by the graduated Tyler Tedford, while freshman Vinny Foti will move into the 120 pound position, taking over for Cody Sughrue of Tewksbury.

Sughrue meanwhile, will move up to 126 pounds, taking over for CAC Wrestler of the Year Bryce Spinosa. Donovan isn't necessarily looking for that level of production just yet from the sophomore Sughrue, but he does expect to excel in his new role.

"We are looking for big things from him," Donovan aid. "He is another kid who has matured quite a bit and just keeps getting better every day. We think he can

have a great season."

A pair of Wilmington residents will represent the Rams in the next two weight classes, with junior Chance Harper taking over at 132 pounds, and sophomore Tom Strow moving up to 138 pounds after finishing sixth in Division 1 North at 132 last season.

"Chance was a role player for us last year, and he did a really good job for us. He is unknown now, but he is looking to make a name for himself," Donovan said. "Strow is second to none in terms of conditioning. He is a hardnosed kid, and we are expecting big things from him."

Junior Dan McPhillips will take over at 145 pounds for the departed Josh Merrifield, while senior Charlie McMillan, returning from a broken collarbone last season, will wrestle at 152 pounds.

Senior quad captain Billy Tamboli of Tewksbury, coming off a great season with the football team, will compete at 160 pounds, while another senior from Tewksbury, Connor O'Brien will compete at 170 pounds.

"We are looking for Tamboli to step up this season. He is another one of our unknown kids, who is very talented and will be looking to make a name for himself this season," Donovan said. "Connor started three quarters of the season for us as a sophomore, and then last season he was more of a role player. But he is back this season in great shape and ready to go, and we expect big things from him."

Sophomore Christian Hoar will compete at 182 pounds, while senior quad captain Matt Finn will wrestle at 195.

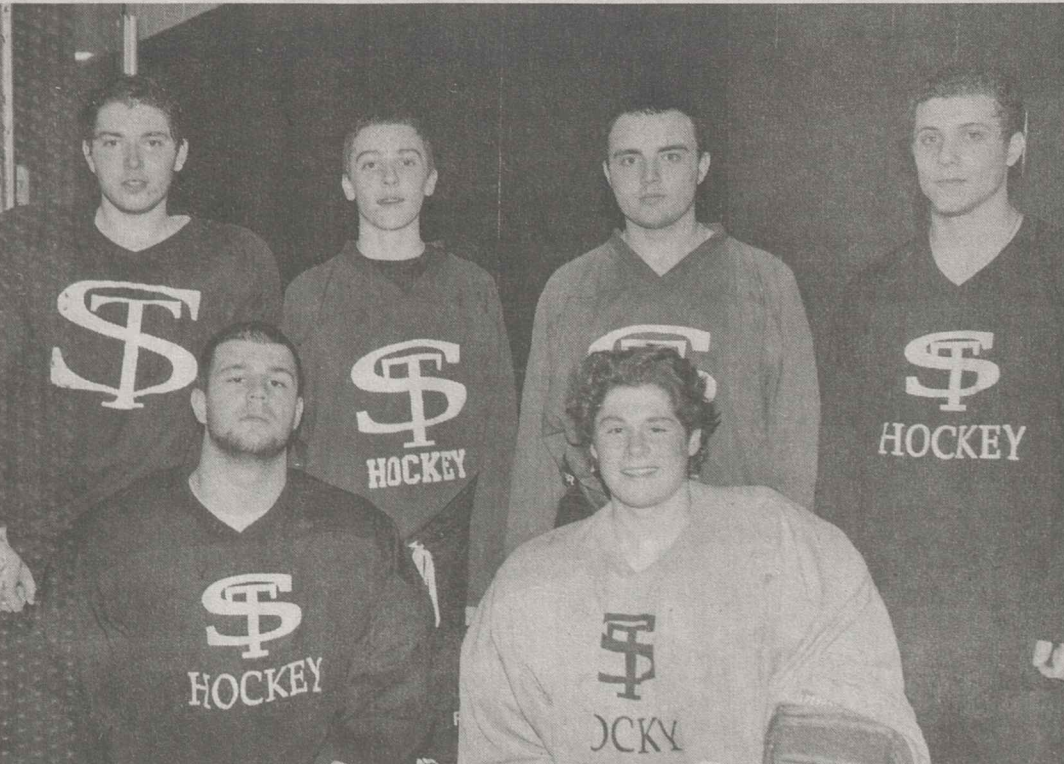
"Christian comes from a great family and he is going to surprise some people this year with his toughness. He is quick on his feet and he is a hard worker. This is going to be a good year for him," Donovan said. "Matt is a kid who we know can have a very big year for us. He is a talented kid, he just needs to turn that switch to be mentally tough and believe in himself."

Senior Anthony Godin will wrestle at the heavyweight position for the Rams.

"Anthony has been in the rood for four years now," Donovan aid. "He is a big, strong kid. He is very athletic, especially for a big kid and we are looking for him to have a very good season."

While most outsiders would likely point to the Rams as once again being the favorites to capture their seventh straight CAC championship, Donovan is taking nothing for granted, as he knows there will be plenty of completion for his team to overcome.

"We've got a very tough schedule. We don't wrestle any cream puffs," Donovan said. "In our league, I would expect Greater Lowell to be the team to beat, but I think we will be in the mix again. One thing I know for sure is that nobody will be in better shape than we are. We will be in great shape and we will do whatever need to do to get ready."



The local players on this year's Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team includes: back row from left from Wilmington: Andrew Duarte, Griffin Blanch, Jon Murray and Andrew Brown; front row from Tewksbury includes Phil Masotta and Jack Stone. (photo by Maureen Brady).

Where's the Action?				
Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury High Sports				
Thursday	Dec 17	V Gymnastics	vs Methuen	7:30 pm
Friday	Dec 18	V Girls Hoop	at Billerica	7:00 pm
Friday	Dec 18	V Boys Hoop	vs Lawrence	7:00 pm
Saturday	Dec 18	V Wrestling	SOI Tourney	10:00 am
Saturday	Dec 18	V Girls Hockey	at Central Catholic	6:00 pm
Saturday	Dec 19	V Boys Hockey	at North Andover	7:00 pm
Monday	Dec 21	V Girls Hoop	vs Tyngsboro	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Dec 22	V Boys Hoop	vs Billerica	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 23	V Girls Hockey	vs Methuen	5:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 23	V Girls Hoop	at Lawrence	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 23	V Boys Hoop	vs Malden	7:00 pm
Wilmington High Sports				
Friday	Dec 18	V Boys/Girls Hoop	at Lexington	5:7:00 pm
Saturday	Dec 19	B/G Track	Winter Festival - RLC	9:30 am
Saturday	Dec 19	V Wrestling	SOI Tourney	10:00 am
Saturday	Dec 19	V Boys Hockey	at Lexington	6:50 pm
Saturday	Dec 19	V Girls Hockey	vs Lexington	8:30 pm
Monday	Dec 21	V Boys/Girls Hoop	at Belmont	5:7:00 pm
Monday	Dec 21	V Boys Hockey	at Haverhill Tourney	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 23	V Girls Hockey	at Belmont	5:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 23	V Boys/Girls Hoop	vs Melrose	5:7:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 23	V Boys Hockey	at Haverhill Tourney	TBA
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	Feb 17	V Boys Hockey	vs Rockport	7:10 pm
Friday	Feb 18	V Girls Hoop	at Gr. Lawrence	5:30 pm
Friday	Feb 18	V Boys Hoop	vs Gr. Lawrence	7:00 pm
Friday	Dec 18	V Swimming	vs Lynn Tech	TBA
Saturday	Dec 19	V Wrestling	SOI Tourney	10:00 am
Saturday	Dec 19	V Girls Hockey	vs Matignon	11:00 am
Saturday	Dec 19	V Boys Hockey	at Minuteman	7:30 pm
Monday	Dec 21	V Boys Hockey	at Haverhill Tourney	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Dec 22	V Girls Hoop	vs Gr. Lowell	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Dec 22	V Boys Hoop	at Gr. Lowell	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 23	V Wrestling	vs Lowell/Tyngsboro	4:30 pm



# Swimmers looking to make a big splash

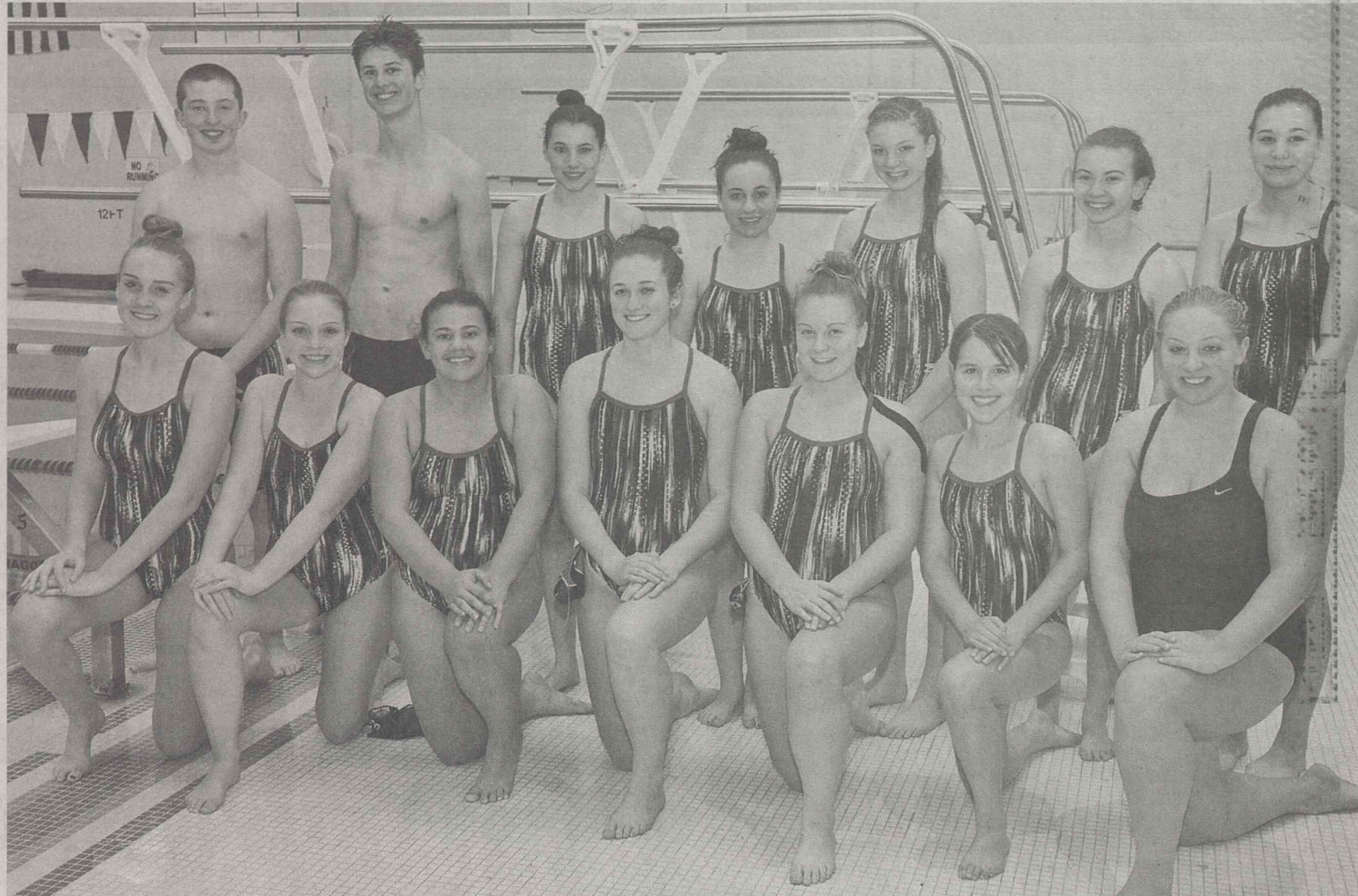
By MIKE IPPOLITO  
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**BILLERICA** -- The Shawsheen Tech Co-Ed Swim team will be looking to build on both individual and team accomplishments from last season, particularly the Girls team, which put together a tremendous season, capturing the State Vocational championship.

The Lady Rams will be looking for big things from three of their returning swimmers, with seniors Lauren Barletta, along with co-captains Molly Harrington and Nicole Kopacz, all from Tewksbury, leading the way. Harrington had an outstanding season as a junior finishing 15th overall in the 50-yard freestyle at the Division 2 State Meet with a personal best time of 25.87 seconds. Barletta and Harrington were both part of a record setting 4 x 200 relay team at that same meet, joining with the now graduated Melissa King to set the school record of 15:22, breaking their own school record that they had set just the week before.

Rounding out the returning talent for the girls team are Nicole Bennett, Sabrina Fernandes of Tewksbury, Nicole Roberts and 2015 Rookie of the Year Kendra Swift.

Shawsheen coach Rick Menard feels that the depth of the returning swimmers



The Shawsheen Tech Co-Ed Swim team's roster has plenty of locals including front row Tewksbury residents from left, Nicole Bennett, Jamie Quintillani, Emily Langone, Molly Harrington, Nicole Koparza, Lauren Barletta, and Saionna Fernandes. Back row from left are the Wilmington residents from left, Tim Comeau, Frankie Irizarry, Jackie Broderick, Nicole Roberts, Kendra Swift, Danielle Liscio and Carrie Spada. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).

will be the key to repeating last year's championship team.

"The biggest challenge will be trying to replace Melissa King, who just graduated from the United States Navy boot camp this week, on our relays," Menard said. "Having her as an anchor was a great attribute, but we bring back a great group of kids who were outstanding for us last season.

But it will not be all about

the returning swimmers for Shawsheen, as several newcomers will be looking to contribute as well. The incoming class of Hailey Costello, Emily Langone, Danielle Jamie Quintillani, and Carli Spada may hold them key to the continued success.

"The addition of the new faces that bring some club level experience with them, combined with the leadership of the returning swim-

mers should make for some fast races," said first year assistant coach Jay Tildsley.

Fellow assistant coach Joy Menard, back for her second season, is just happy to see a healthy group of Lady Rams this season.

"It's nice to have the girls all healthy this year to start the season, with no concussions or broken bones to deal with like we had last year," she said.

On the boys side of the pool, the Rams will be looking to bounce back from a six point loss to rival Greater Lowell at the State Vocational championships. The new faces of Ryan Callahan and Frankie Irizarry, of Wilmington, will be counted on heavily to fill the holes left by some key swimmers lost to graduation, including Ryan Phelan, who closed out an outstanding four year

career with the Rams.

The Rams will certainly have no lack of willing volunteer to try and fill those missing spots.

"We are at a record high with 47 kids in the pool this year so our depth will be a huge help," Rick Menard said. "We just have to get everyone up to race shape quickly; a chain is only as strong as its weakest link."

## LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT  
MIDDLESEX  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT  
208 CAMBRIDGE  
STREET  
CAMBRIDGE,  
MA 02141

NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for  
Appointment of  
Guardian of a Minor

Docket No.  
MI15P2685GD

In the interests of:  
Lovens Lamounery  
of Tewksbury, MA  
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL  
INTERESTED PARTIES

Hearing Date/Time:  
A hearing on a Petition  
for Appointment of  
Guardian of a Minor filed  
on 05/19/2015 by Hon-  
orine L. Lamour of  
Tewksbury, MA will be  
held 12/23/2015 08:30  
AM Review Hearing  
located at 121 Third  
Street, Cambridge MA  
02141.

Response to Peti-

tion: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)  
IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served in hand on the minor (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner), the guardian, the parents of the minor, and any other person if ordered by the Court at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date listed above.

If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, IT IS ORDERED that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leav-

ing at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of hearing listed above.

If the identity or whereabouts of an interested party is not known, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Notice and Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date by mailing first class mail and by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in Town Crier, Tewksbury Seven (7) days prior to the hearing date.

If required, service on the United States Veteran Administration and the Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

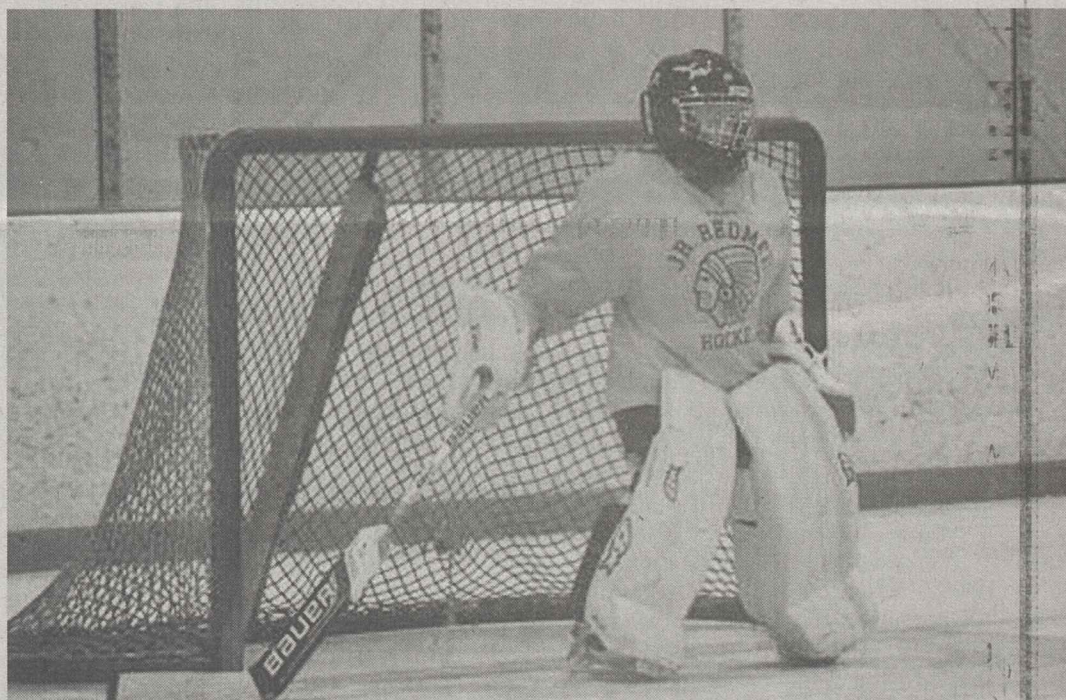
Date: September 30, 2015  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
05-11177 12/16/15

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Peter Psarakis of 945 Riverside Drive in Methuen, MA 01844 who is the last registered owner of a 2006 Chrysler 300.  
Vin number  
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that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about 9 A.M. December 19, 2015 at Forrest Towing Inc., 600 Main Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.  
TC 12/2, 9, 16/2015

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Aral Lacords of 4 Thayer St. in Belmont MA who is the last registered owner of a 2007 Jeep  
Vin number  
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that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about January 1, 2016 at A & S Towing, Inc., 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.  
05-11179 12/9,16,23/15



## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 5, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. in Room 9 of Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Pet Care Facility Special Permit #15-01 and Relief from Parking Regulations Special Permit #15-01 for 203 Lowell Street; submitted on December 10, 2015; prepared by Attorney Robert G. Peterson for The Barking Dog, Ltd., 7 Beech Hill Road, Exeter, NH 03833. Said property is located at 203 Lowell Street and shown on Assessor's Map 48 Parcel 73. These applications are for a Special Permit in accordance with Sections 3.5.19 & 3.8.14 for Pet Care Facility and a Special Permit in accordance with Section 6.4.3.2 for Relief from Parking Regulations of the Zoning Bylaw.

A copy of the specifications is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino,  
Chair  
Wilmington  
Planning Board  
05-11182 12/16,23/15

## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 5, 2016 at 7:45 p.m. in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Conservation Sub-division Special Permit #15-03 entitled "Wilmington, Massachusetts, Garden of Eden", dated June 11, 2015 and last revised November 3, 2015; submitted on December 10, 2015; Prepared by Professional Engineer: Douglas E. Lees, Land Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc., 130 Middlesex Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879. Said property is located off Chestnut Street and shown on Assessor's Map 2 Parcels 201-206, 223-225; Map 3 Parcels 207-222. This application is for a special permit for a conservation subdivision plan containing twenty-six (26) buildable lots.

A copy of the site plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino,  
Chair  
Wilmington  
Planning Board  
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Megan Cunningham guards the net making sure it stays clear during a recently-played Tewksbury Jr. Redmen Youth Hockey game. (courtesy photo).

## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 5, 2016 at 8:45 p.m. in Room 9 of Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Sign Special Permit #15-05 for 206 Ballardvale Street; submitted on November 19, 2015; prepared by Viewpoint Sign & Awning, 35 Lyman Street, Northboro, MA 01532. Said property is located at 206 Ballardvale Street and shown on Assessor's Map R2 Parcel 7D. This application is for a special permit for a conservation subdivision plan containing twenty-six (26) buildable lots.

A copy of the specifications is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Michael Sorrentino,  
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Planning Board  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 5, 2016 at 8:30 p.m. in Room 9 of Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Sign Special Permit #15-04 for 188 Main Street; submitted on November 19, 2015; prepared by Alexander Nguu, 188 Main Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, MA 01887. Said property is located at 188 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 44 Parcel 177A. This application is for a special permit in accordance with Section 6.3.2 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow a wall sign which exceeds the maximum allowed sign area to be located on the second floor of the building.

A copy of the specifications is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Michael Sorrentino,  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Linda J. Tripp and Stephen A. Tripp to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for American Brokers Conduit, dated June 27, 2006 and recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20253, Page 151 of which mortgage Federal National Mortgage Association is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc. dated September 3, 2009 recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23392, Page 2; and assignment from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Federal National Mortgage Association dated February 12, 2014 recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 27998, Page 67, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 121 Grove Avenue,

Wilmington, MA 01887 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00PM on December 28, 2015, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

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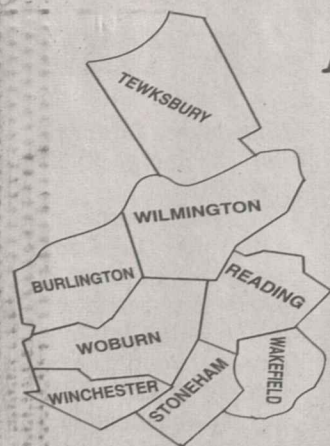
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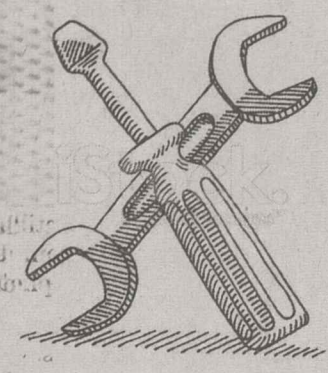
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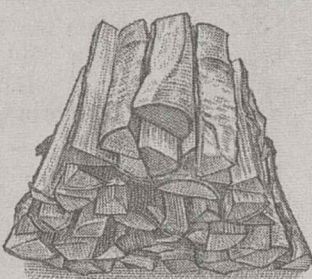
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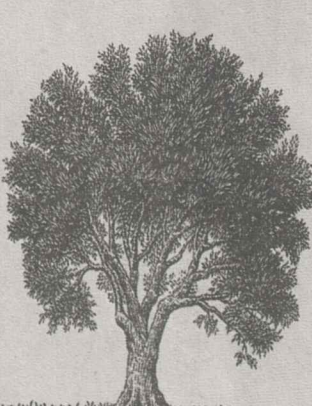
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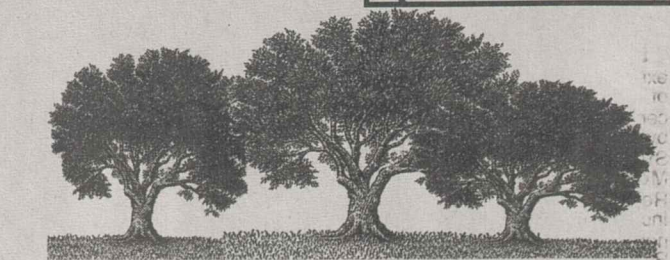
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# Petti makes fifth appearance for Merrimack Hockey team

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

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It was another light week of college action this past week, with many team off until after the holiday break, but there were still some locals in action and performing well.

## TEWKSBURY

Starting on the ice in Tewksbury, Merrimack College freshman center Derek Petti put three shots on net and won two of three faceoffs in the Warriors 3-3 tie with UConn on Friday night. It was Petti's fifth appearance of the season for the Division 1 Warriors.

Salem State junior defenseman Ryan Doherty was a +1 for the Vikings in a 4-1 win over Endicott at the Raymond J. Bourque Arena in Beverly on Saturday. Doherty and the Vikings improved to 7-3 on the season with the win.

In track-and-field action, UMass Lowell junior John Fiorello earned a second place finish in the shot put at the Jay Carisella Invitational at the Reggie Lewis Center on Saturday with a top throw of 15.71 meters. It is the second year in a row that Fiorella has performed well at the Carisella Invitational, having earned a third place finish at the meet last season.

UMass Lowell junior Jessica Amadee finished 28th out of 48 runners in the 60 meter dash in a time of 8.30 at the Carisella Invitational, and earned a

27th place finish in a field of 60 runners in the 200 meters in a time of 27.90 seconds.

Fitchburg State sophomore Brian Amaral earned a tenth place finish in mile event for the Falcons at the Jay Carisella Invitational at the Reggie Lewis Center on Saturday. Amaral finished in a MASCAC qualifying time of 4:30.20.

Amaral's teammate, freshman Anthony Darrigo, who qualified for the MASCAC Meet in the 3,000 meters last week, followed up that performance by finishing tenth in the 5,000 meters at the Carisella Invitational, once again qualifying for the MASCAC Meet in a time of 16:53.57.

Franklin Pierce junior Cory Cataldo finished third in the long jump at the Elm City Challenge at Southern Connecticut State last



CORY CATALDO

Friday with a leap of 6.82 meters. He also earned a 14th place finish in the 200 meters in a time of 23.77 seconds.

Cataldo's teammate, Franklin Pierce sophomore Peter Murray, finished tenth in the weight throw at the Elm City Challenge, with a top throw of 12.96 meters, and also earned an 11th place finish in the shot put with a long distance of 12.20 meters.

Moving on to basketball, Merrimack College freshman guard Adrian Abenh nailed a three pointer for the

Warriors during a 78-63 loss to Southern New Hampshire last Wednesday. It was Abenh's second time seeing action for the Warriors this season.

Salem State freshman guard Alex DiRocco scored two points for the Vikings as part of a 101-73 win over Becker on Saturday. DiRocco is off to a solid start to his college career, playing in eight of the Vikings first ten games of the season.

## WILMINGTON

We'll start on the basketball court in Wilmington, where Framingham State College senior guard Tim McCarthy scored a game high 14 points, including four three pointers to help lead the Rams to a 60-52 win over Clark University. McCarthy is averaging 10.6 points per game this season, second most on the Rams.

Wheelock College junior forward Michelle Woods had 18 points for the Wildcat in an 80-45 win over Thomas College last Wednesday, and followed that up with a 17-point, 12 rebound effort against Mount Ida on Saturday.

Woods is averaging 18.3 points and six rebounds per game.

Springfield College sophomore guard Christa Brent had five points for the Pride in a 63-54 win over Worcester



CHRISTA BRENT

State on Friday, and followed that up with four points in a 74-71 win over Suffolk on Monday. Brent is averaging 10.5 minutes per game for the Pride, who have won four games in a row to improve to 6-2 on the season.

On the ice, Assumption College sophomore defenseman Brian Pickett had a productive game for the Greyhounds on Saturday in a 7-3 win over St. Michael's. The two-time state champion at Wilmington High was a +3 for the game, and had three shots on net to help Assumption's cause.

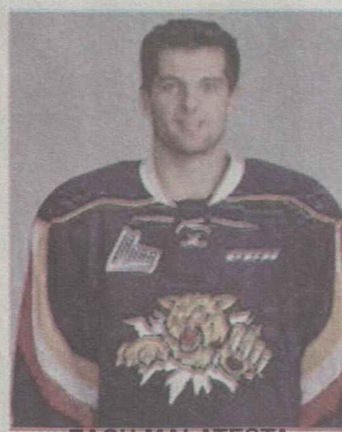
Moving on to indoor track, Bentley University junior Erik Alatalo earned a fifth place finish in the 3,000 meter at the Elm City Classic at Southern Connecticut State University last Friday. Racing in a field of 21 runners, Alatalo finished in a time of 9:12.39, helping the Falcons to have four of the top nine finishers in the event.

## JUNIOR HOCKEY

If you have been on the internet the past few days, chances are you have come across Wilmington's Zach Malatesta, who is now a defenseman for the Moncton Wildcats of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL).

In the Wildcats 4-3 win over Rimouski Oceanic on Sunday afternoon, the hard hitting Malatesta laid out Rimouski's Tyler Boland with a clean, but brutal hit along the boards. If you haven't seen it yet, simply Google "Zach Malatesta" and pick whichever of the many links you like the best. It's worth a look.

Malatesta, by the way, is having a fine season for the Wildcats, with three goals and seven assists to go along with 46 penalty minutes, helping his team to first place in the QMJHL's Maritimes Division with a 22-10-6 record.



ZACH MALATESTA

## MINOR LEAGUE HOCKEY

Another standout Wilmington hockey player, Joe Pendenza was recently recalled to the AHL by the

Milwaukee Admirals from the Cincinnati Cyclones of the ECHL.

Pendenza returns to the AHL after breaking camp with the Admirals this season before being sent down to the ECHL after just two games. Pendenza adapted quickly to the ECHL, picking up 14 points (6 goals, 8 assists) over 15 games.

The UMass Lowell graduate split time last season between Milwaukee and Cincinnati. Over 48 games with the Admirals, Pendenza tallied 18 points (9 goals, 9 assists). In 13 games with the Cyclones he notched seven points (3 goals, 4 assists).

## Ed Harrison story clarification/additions

In last week's Wilmington Town Crier, there were several stories Athletic Director Ed Harrison's announcement of retiring at the end of this school year.

In an interview done over email, he was asked about possible replacements and his quote in last week's paper was "Not sure at this time there are individuals in our system who would do a great job. It depends on how the job is written up and that would affect who would apply."

The quote was two separate sentences which I accidentally thought was one sentence.

It should have read: "Not sure at this time. There are individuals in our system who would do a great job. It depends on how the job is written up and that would affect who would apply."

Sorry for any confusion. Several other locals sent in their comments about Harrison after the Town Crier went to print last week. Here are three more.

Joel McKenna, WHS

Wrestling Coach: "Mr. Harrison has always been a great guide for his coaching staff and always someone to give the best advice. He has been around and seen a lot in his time and that's what makes him so special for the role that he has. He has encountered so much and he is the calm in the face of the storm. He tells it like it is and that's it. He is all about the student-athletes that represent Wilmington and everything that Wilmington is: tough, honest, fair and hardworking."

Shawsheen Tech AD Al Costabile: "Ed has many qualities that made him a great AD. and a guy who is very respected among his peers. Ed always has a passion for the student athletes of Wilmington High School and the community of Wilmington. His compassion and commitment are extraordinary. Ed is great with people. He has a style that wins over everyone he deals with."

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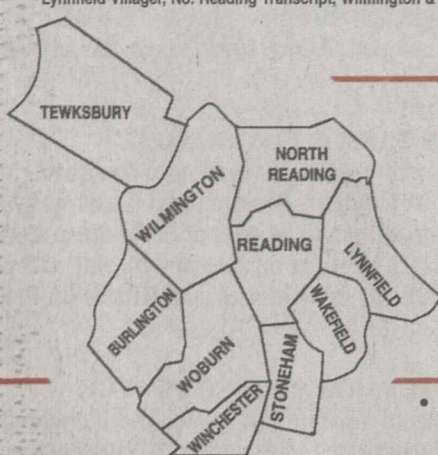


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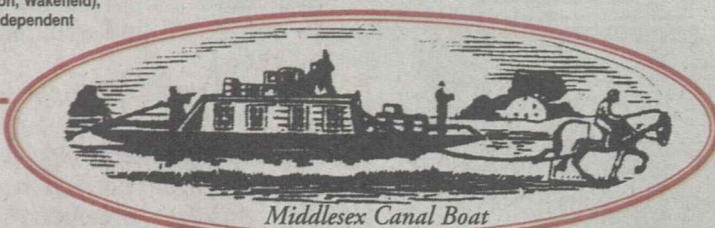
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## MBTA Transit Police Chief Green has fond memories of Winchester

By GORDON VINCENT

He may be the new top cop of the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority's Police Dept., but Kenneth Green has never forgotten his roots in Winchester.

Green, 55, who was appointed Chief of the MBTA's Transit Police on Dec. 2, was hired for his first law enforce-

ment job by the Winchester Police Dept., and served the community there for eight years. His memories of Winchester remain exceedingly fond.

"Absolutely," said Green. "The people of Winchester welcomed me with open arms, into their police force, into their community and into their lives. I remember being invited into people's homes for Christmas, and I remember the warmth that they showed me there."

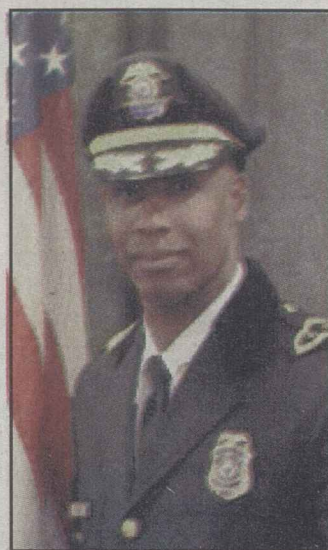
A Lynn native, Green attended Lynn Classical High, where he excelled at athletics, particularly football. He went on to attend Boston University, from which he received a Bachelor's degree (He would later earn a Master's degree from Anna

Maria College).

After graduating from the police academy, he had several offers from various law enforcement agencies, and ended up picking Winchester in 1983. He was hired by former Winchester Chief John "Jack" McHugh, who led the department from 1976-89. McHugh died in 2013 at the age of 84.

"I could have gone to the Mets (the former Metropolitan District Commission Police) or the State Police, but I didn't want to go through another academy," said Green. "So I chose Winchester."

Admittedly, he knew nothing about the town, except



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KENNETH GREEN

that it was close to Woburn and Stoneham, so he figured the commute wouldn't be that bad.

"They told me it was a 'bedroom community,'" he said. "I had no idea at the time what a bedroom commu-

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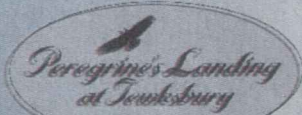
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## Movie Reviews & Box Office News

### "Star Wars: The Force Awakens"



"STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS" is a continuation of the saga created by George Lucas and set thirty years after Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi (1983).

BY: JAKE COYLE  
AP FILM WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Long before I was a movie writer and critic, I was a teenager driving up the Garden State Parkway in a Storm Trooper helmet, inquiring toll booth attendants if they had seen two droids.

I don't know what this means for my relationship with "Star Wars" and the coming sequel, "The Force Awakens," which is some mix of boyish excitement and adult despair. I do know that it's difficult to operate a stick shift with a Storm Trooper helmet on and that New Jersey toll booth attendants are a hard bunch to faze.

As "The Force Awakens" makes its way into theaters, moviegoers and critics of generations old and young will again have to wrestle with a cultural force as colossal as the Death Star, whose cinematic firepower is alternatively seen as the vile source to today's franchise-mad blockbuster-crazy Hollywood or the ultimate expression of a glorious movie passion that spans time, galaxies and dreadfully disappointing prequels.

For a fairly impersonal

epic of corny characters, "Star Wars" inspires curiously personal reactions. It drives some people to don Wookiee costumes and others to curse an entire industry as infantile. Since the 1977 debut of "A New Hope," it's become a generational rite of passage not just to experience the saga, but also to form one's relationship with movies around it, whether in happy lockstep or rebel opposition.

"Star Wars" made, and changed, movie and cultural history, and anybody who wants to make sense of either has to take it on," wrote critic Glenn Kenny in "A Galaxy Not So Far Away: Writers and Artists on Twenty-Five Years of Star War."

"Star Wars" didn't, by itself, change movies. But more than any other film, it heralded the blockbuster era that would follow the maverick filmmaking of the '70s — a continuing chapter in movies that swells with every new superhero movie. Lucas, himself, straddled the divide he came to be the poster boy of. Coming off the success of "American Graffiti," which he wrote, his pal Francis Ford Coppola wanted him to direct "Apocalypse Now." (Take a moment to contem-

plate THAT parallel universe.) Lucas was instead busy with his script for "Star Wars," a project that few expected much of and that Universal Studios passed on before 20th Century Fox paid Lucas to develop it.

But to the astonishment of everyone, including Lucas (who fortuitously negotiated for the sequel and merchandising rights), the movie he called "'The Sting' in outer space" was a smash that was still No. 1 at the box office more than 40 weeks after opening.

Many critics watched its rise warily. Pauline Kael called the movie "a box of Cracker Jacks which is all prizes." John Simon fretted: "O dull new world!"

All the profits fueled the multiplexes erected through the 1980s. Their walls would blare with Lucas' own sound system, THX, and play countless action sequences designed by Lucas' effects house, Industrial Light and Magic.

Many of the forces Lucas unlocked — the merchandizing power, the franchise building, the super-fandom

— now define the modern movie business. Paul Schrader, writer of 1976's "Taxi Driver" and 1980's "Raging Bull," once called "Star Wars" "the film that ate the heart and soul of Hollywood."

"Star Wars," though, was part of a broader and perhaps unstoppable trend. It followed James Bond films and Steven Spielberg's "Jaws" (the first movie to open in wide release). "Superman: The Movie" arrived the year after.

"The Force Awakens" now finds itself in a more competitive blockbuster environment, just one of the prime assets in the stable of the Walt Disney Co., which purchased Lucasfilm for \$4.05 billion — a fitting home for "Star Wars" considering Lucas considered it "a Disney movie."

Inheriting Lucas' empire, director J.J. Abrams — one of those kids transfixed by "Star Wars," now grown up — isn't trying to redefine moviegoing. His "The Force Awakens" is more like a restoration project: a blend of new and old; old-school special effects with a more diverse cast. Alongside the old guard of Han Solo and Luke Skywalker, the new characters are effectively stand-ins for new fans.

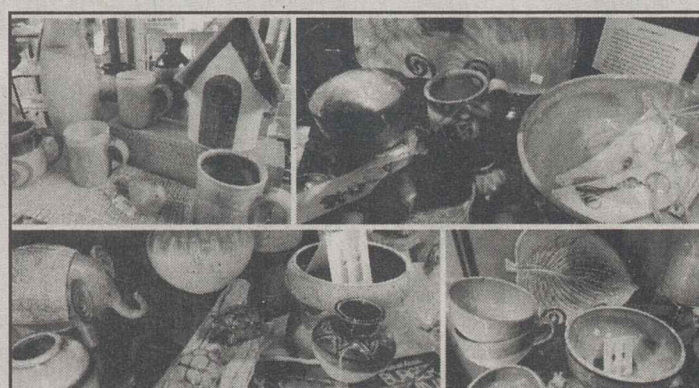
"It was the idea of what would this new generation be, given that they were standing on the shoulders of characters we knew from years earlier," Abrams said in an earlier interview. "How their history is the history that we know."

"Star Wars" ultimately belongs to the young. The saga's new chapter will be written by a franchise-savvy generation of moviegoers who can pre-order tickets without standing in line, and critics who grew up in the shadow of "Star Wars" — some of whom even know how fast Han Solo can make the Kessel Run.

"12 parsecs!" exclaims this one, with more pride than shame.

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### ST. THERESA'S CAR FAFFLE FUNDRAISER

St. Theresa's of North Reading is holding a fundraiser with the grand prize of a 2016 Subaru Forester and 9 cash prizes of \$500. \$50/ticket. The drawing will be held at St. Theresa Parish, 63 Winter Street in North Reading on January 30, 2016 at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at 63 Winter St and Kitty's on Friday nights.

### NEW BOOK CLUB AT PARKER RIVER REFUGE

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge will be launching its new monthly book club starting in January. All books selected for this club will have an environmental or wildlife theme — with the hope that participants will be informed, inspired, and entertained. Subjects will range from the local salt marsh to environmental crises abroad.

January's Book of the Month will be The Edge of the Sea by Rachel Carson. Discussion groups will meet on Thursday, Jan. 21st from 6:30 — 8:30 p.m., and on Saturday, Jan. 23rd from 1:30 — 3:30 p.m. February's Book of the Month will be Refuge by Terry Tempest Williams. Groups will meet on Thursday, Feb. 18th from 6:30 — 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 20th from 1:30 — 3:30 p.m. There is no commitment to come every month.

Each discussion group meeting is limited to 15 participants and will take place at the refuge visitor center, located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike in Newburyport. Preregistration is required for all book club meetings. Please call refuge headquarters at (978) 465-5753 to register. (Note: For those who call and leave a message after hours, your registration is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation call from a refuge staff member.)

### WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION THIS FRIDAY

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield invites you to its annual Winter Solstice Celebration on Friday, December 18 at 7:30 PM at 326 Main Street.

To welcome back the return of lighter days after the darkest night of the year, the Winter Solstice, this celebration will include much merry making. Watch as the darkness takes over the earth and how we bring light to the darkness with merriment, music and dance.

Hear poems and readings from the serious to the silly. Lend your voice to sing along to holiday and solstice selections led by the Rise Up Singing Group. Special guests, the Ha' Penny Dancers of Belmont will kick up their heels with bells on!

The traditional Winter Solstice finale, "Lord of the Dance" will lead the celebration to a Wassail Reception in the Social Hall. Along with the refreshments in the Social Hall, all are invite to join a circle sing of familiar songs and carols led by the Rise Up Singing Group.

Free will offering baskets will be at the rear of the sanctuary and in the Social Hall to help offset expenses. This is a wonderful event for all ages. For more information call 781-245-4632 or email admin@wakefielduu.org.

### ICE QUEEN AND ICE PRINCESS AT ZOOLIGHTS

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 30 when the Ice Queen, Ice Princess and Ice Master visit ZooLights. The costumed characters will be available for photos inside of Santa's Castle from 5 - 8 p.m., with special story times at 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m. Space is limited so arrive early. Guests are encouraged to wear their fairy-tale best for this magical night.

ZooLights is celebrating its 20th year of holiday fun at Stone Zoo. This annual winter wonderland features thousands of twinkling lights and incredible animals, including arctic foxes, Canada lynx, reindeer and more.

The Stoneham Zoo is located at 149 Pond Street in Stoneham. For ticket information visit [www.stonezoo.org](http://www.stonezoo.org) or call 617-541-5466.

### SOUTHERN RAIL BLUEGRASS AT LINDEN TREE

The Linden Tree Coffeehouse kicks off the New Year with the popular bluegrass group Southern Rail on Saturday, January 9 at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Wakefield.

Southern Rail's performances are high-energy exuberant fun, with riveting harmonies, irrepressible humor and sparkling banjo, mandolin, and guitar solo work.

The Unitarian-Universalist Church is located at 326 Main Street in Wakefield. For information or to make reservations call 781-246-2836 or [LindenTreeCoffeehouse.org](http://LindenTreeCoffeehouse.org).

### VENDOR FAIR AT TEWKSBURY VFW SATURDAY

Everyone is invited to the Tewksbury VFW hall on Vernon Street in Tewksbury on Saturday, December 19 from noon to 5 p.m. for a holiday party/vendor fair. This is a great chance to get all those cool products not found in stores.

Santa will be there to pose with your child (or you) for a free professional portrait by Bruce Holland.

A donation of a non-perishable food item for the Tewksbury Food Pantry would be greatly appreciated.

### TOY DRIVE FOR LOCAL CHILDREN IN STONEHAM

The Stoneham Fire Department, Stoneham Town Clerk's office, along with "Toys for Local Children" will be conducting their annual toy collection of new, unwrapped toys for children

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## Knives from 19th century to today

# On Cutting Edge - history of knives exhibit at OSV

A new pop-up exhibit at Old Sturbridge Village, New England's premiere living history museum, explores the sharper edge of history with a display of Massachusetts-made knives from the 19th century to the present. The exhibit continues through December 31, 2015.

On display in the Visitor Center and at the Bullard Tavern are dozens of expertly-crafted knives and cutting instruments from the nearly two centuries-old Dexter-Russell, Inc. of Southbridge, Massachusetts.

The story begins in 1818 when Henry Harrington began manufacturing razors, knives and surgical tools in a small workshop in Southbridge. He proudly stamped his work "Henry Harrington, Cutler to the People," and he included an American eagle insignia. Mr. Harrington died in 1876, but his son Dexter took over the business.

In 1834, John Russell of Greenfield, Massachusetts poured the fortune he had made in cotton speculation into a factory making chisels and axes. He soon changed over to making knives. By 1870 his "Green River Knife Works" had expanded and employed 500 men.

By 1933, as the Great Depression was at its height, Harrington Cutlery and J. Russell & Co. merged. The new company, Russell Harrington Cutlery Co., converted a woolen mill into a cutlery factory in Southbridge. In 2001, it adopted the name Dexter-Russell. Today they are the largest manufacturer of professional cutlery in the United States.

The Dexter-Russell exhibit at Old Sturbridge Village explores not only the fine craftsmanship of their products, but also the history of these home-grown

Massachusetts companies, and the personal history of the families that operated them.

The exhibit includes an example of a Barlow knife, a style originally developed in Sheffield, England, but one which the John Russell Company became famous for, and the product remained popular for decades. Meanwhile, Dexter Harrington took advantage of Massachusetts' burgeoning shoe making industry, adding shoe making knives and shavers to the Harrington line.

"The 'cutler to the people' would be proud," noted Tom Kelleher, Old Sturbridge Village Historian and Curator of Mechanical Arts. "The exhibit includes some of Harrington's tools and both finished and unfinished knives, as well as dozens of historic knives from John Russell's Green River Knife Works, contrasted with many modern adaptations of unique historic designs."

Admission to On the Cutting Edge of History: Dexter-Russell Knives is included with regular admittance to Old Sturbridge Village: \$24 Adults, \$22 Seniors (55+), and \$10 for Youth (3-17), and free for Children under 3, and OSV Members. For more information, visit [www.osv.org](http://www.osv.org) or call 800-733-1830.

### About OSV

Old Sturbridge Village, the largest living history museum in the Northeast, depicts a rural New England town of the 1830s. Situated on 200 scenic acres, the Village is a collection of more than 40 historic buildings - including homes, meetinghouses, trade shops, working farms and three water-powered mills - restaurants, shops and the Old Sturbridge Inn and Reeder Family Lodges.

# About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

## WELCOME WINS, SCHOOL NOTES, SNOW WAYS

Please check your local "Daily Times Chronicle" for daily updates.

### BATTLE WEARY (WOBURN)

"It took another hour or so of deliberations, but the City Council at its meeting...voted 7-2, to approve a special permit for the 18-unit Battlemarch Village townhouse project in West Woburn, before the council's end-of-term deadline," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Alderman at-large Michael Concannon and Ward 5 Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen cast the votes in opposition to a petition from Melanson Development for the project, which will be located at 165 Cambridge Road, near Four Corners.

"Had the public hearing spilled into the new year, Melanson would have been faced with the prospect of obtaining six affirmative votes from the six holdover members of the council. The three new aldermen

who will be inaugurated in January would have been ineligible to vote because they will be sworn into office after the public hearing process started...

"One of the primary topics of discussion was the lack of guest parking, and the fear that the Battle Road lot will be used as such. Attorney Shaun Briere pointed out his client's plans conform with the city's regulations, which require two spaces for each unit.

"When Mercer-Bruen suggested Melanson might reduce the size of the project to accommodate visitor parking, Briere replied that it has already been shrunk from 22 to 18 units."

### TOP CHIEFS (READING)

"Town Manager Robert LeLacheur ... announced the appointment of Deputy Chief Mark Segalla as Reading Chief of Police replacing Chief James Cormier who is retiring January 1, 2016," notes the

Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The following is an announcement by Reading Town Manager Bob LeLacheur regarding the appointment of Reading's new police chief:

"It is my distinct pleasure and an honor to announce my appointment of Deputy Chief Mark Segalla as Reading's next Chief of Police, effective January 1, 2016 upon the retirement of Chief James Cormier. Deputy Chief Segalla is a 19-year veteran of the Reading Police Department and a long time Reading resident.

"This appointment culminates a months-long search process ...

"I would like to thank search committee members Selectman Chair Dan Ensminger, Selectmen Public Safety liaison Barry Berman, School Superintendent Dr. John Doherty, Fire Chief Greg Burns and Administrative Services Director Matt Kraunelis for their insight and capable assistance in this process...

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chief Cormier for his outstanding leadership of the department and his dedication to the entire Reading community.

"Please join me in wishing Deputy Chief Segalla well in his achievement!"

### MARCH WHETHER (TEWKSBURY)

"Historical Society Director David Marcus and member Steve DeFrancesco presented their most recent project to the Board of Selectmen last Tuesday, seeking endorsement and approval from the Board to

install 9 stone markers within the Town's right-of-way.

"The project, entitled Tewksbury's Line-of-March Program, entails delineating the route and then installing granite monuments along the route the Tewksbury minutemen and militia took on their way to the Battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775...to preserve and honor Tewksbury's past and to serve to commemorate what the Historical Society refers to as 'Tewksbury's most significant, historical event.'

"The Society had already done their due diligence...Ideally, the Society would like to have at least the first few markers installed before April 19, 2016...

"The Board voted to recommend the project for approval subject to Town Manager Richard Montuori's approval, as well as logistics..."

### JUST A RANDOM TRAILER ABOUT THE TOWNS

Borrowed from pages and pages of Google: "If Not in My Backyard, Then Whose?"

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper or look on line for up-to-date information about your city or town.

We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, 531 Main St, Reading, MA01867 or to [schooltowns@comcast.net](mailto:schooltowns@comcast.net).

## CALENDAR From S-2

of all ages. The age range that is most often forgotten is children from 10 to 16. Gift cards work great for this group.

Collection boxes will be placed at the Stoneham Fire Station, Stoneham Police Station, Stoneham Town Hall, Public Library and Stoneham Bank on Montvale Avenue.

The collection box pick up date is December 19. Toys will be accepted at the Fire Station until December 24.

### PANCAKES AND POETRY AT TEWKSBURY LIBRARY

The Tewksbury Public Library is hosting a teen event on Wednesday, December 30 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. titled Pancakes and Poetry. Any teen who has a poem or two can share their poems and express their poetic talents and interests. Earn a pancake for each poem read aloud.

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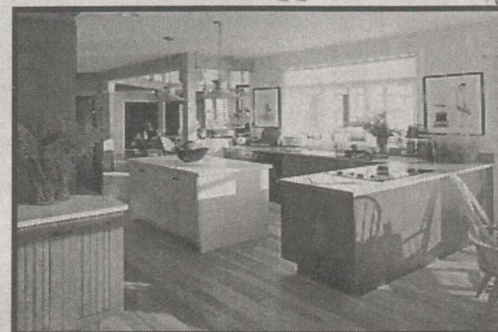
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# Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

**MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:** The Heisman Trophy was just awarded to Derrick Henry of Alabama in a close vote. There was another close vote back in 1971 when an Ivy League running back fell just shy of winning losing out to Auburn QB Pat Sullivan. Who was the Ivy League running back?

Look for a hint elsewhere in the column.

A group of local area tracksters have recently been honored or noted for some fine accomplishments and performances.

Two UMass Lowell distance runners, sophomore **PAUL HOGAN** (Burlington) and junior **Jaclyn Solimine** (Haverhill), have been named to the America East Cross Country All-Academic Team.

"Both are the epitome of student athletes," said UMass Lowell Head Coach Gary Gardner. "As important as athletics and competing are to them academics are the priority."

The 10-member All-Academic Teams were announced by the conference recently. Both Hogan and Solimine played key roles as their respective cross country teams reached new heights.

"They are both huge pieces of the teams both in Track and Field and Cross Country," said Gardner. "The combination of excelling in athletics and academics couldn't fit anyone more than these two."

Solimine, with a 3.898 grade point average, is an honor student majoring in Mechanical Engineering. She is a member of the Engineering Honor Society, The Society of Women Engineers and works as an engineering research assistant and has served on campus as a tutor.

Solimine finished sixth at

the America East Championships as the River Hawks turned in their strongest showing ever earning a fourth place team finish. Her sixth place finish was also the highest individual finish ever for a UMass Lowell woman. Solimine was named to the America East All-Conference team. She finished 9th at the New England Championships leading the team to an 8th place finish.

Hogan, with a 3.51 grade point average, is an honor student majoring in Civil Engineering. Hogan finished third at the America East Championships as River Hawk cross country became the first UMass Lowell team to win an America East Championship. He was named to the America East All-Conference Team. He finished seventh in the Pre-Nationals "Black" race and Hogan finished fourth at the New England Championships. Hogan was one of the River Hawks' top two finishers in every race in which he competed.

Led by freshman sprinter **JAMES O'BRIEN** (Stoneham) the UMass Lowell indoor men's track and field team turned in a strong performance, Saturday evening, at the Jay Carisella Invitational hosted by Northeastern at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

"Our goals were to see where the team is before we head home for the winter break, get some competition in and keep them motivated," said UMass Lowell head coach Gary Gardner. "I think we achieved everything we were hoping to achieve today."

The team finished third in a field of seven teams despite missing a number of athletes who stayed behind to take fall semester final

exams. UMass Lowell accumulated 90 points in the day's competition. New Hampshire grabbed the top score with 189 points, Northeastern was second with 150.5.

For the coaching staff the event was not about winning as much as it was about working.

"The fitness level was there," said Gardner. "A lot of them are not yet race sharp and ready to run super-fast at this point. It was more about figuring out where we are. We will be race ready when it matters in February, but they did do a good job today and we're pleased."

O'Brien turned in his second consecutive big weekend. The freshman won the 60-meter dash in a time of 6.91 and then finished second in the 200 meters in a time of 22.22 despite running in one of the slower heats.

"He's had a terrific first two meets, that's not a bad way to start your freshman year," said Gardner referring to O'Brien's win a week ago in the dash at the Brown University Alden Invitational.

The time of 6.91 is less than two-tenths of a second off the school record and is the tenth fastest run by a River Hawk in the dash and makes O'Brien the fifth fastest individual at that distance.

"6.91 is a quality time this early in the year," said Gardner. "We have not done much speed work with him yet so we are really really pleased. He is definitely explosive. You can see that burst of speed coming out of him; he's fun to watch."

The men's 4x400 meter relay team also grabbed a first place finish. The team of freshman Kevin Saccone (Mattapoisett, Mass.), sophomore Marcus Duncan (Dalton, Mass.), freshman Connor Donovan (Methuen, Mass.) and senior Tunde Ogunleye (Fitchburg, Mass.) hit the finish line in a time of three-minutes 21.27-seconds. Ogunleye ran the final leg in a time of 48.72.

Several other UMass Lowell runners turned in strong performances on the track. Saccone also took a fourth place in the 60-meter hurdles. He clocked in at 8.40.

Freshmen **JACKSON GALLAGHER** (Wakefield) and Devin Allen (Methuen) finished fifth (2:32.17) and sixth (2:37.79) respectively in the 1,000-meters

Junior Matthew

Arseneault (Chelmsford) grabbed fifth in the mile with a time of 4:25.48, four-tenths of a second ahead of teammate and sixth place finisher freshman Abdullah Kaba (4:25.85.)

Several River Hawks turned in strong performances in field events including freshman **DENNIS PEARY** of Woburn finished fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 42 feet.

Redshirt freshman vaulter **Vladimir Popusoi** (Greenfield) finished second in the pole vault clearing the bar at 14-3 1/4. Junior **JOHN FIORELLO** (Tewksbury) earned a second-place finish in the shot put with a toss of 51-6 1/2. It's his second straight strong competition. Sophomore **Rino Tonelli** (Shrewsbury) took a third place finish in the high jump with a leap of 6-4.

The River Hawks will be off for nearly a month for final exams and the winter break. They return to action on Jan. 10th at the Dartmouth Relays in Hanover, New Hampshire.

In the season-opening meet on Dec. 5 at the Brown University Alden Invitational, at the Olney-Margolies Athletic Center, in Providence there were some other fine noteworthy local performances.

O'Brien was among the runners to grab a first-place finish in the meet. O'Brien won the 60-meter dash in a time of 7.01, four one-hundredths of a second ahead of runner up Edward Frazier of Assumption.

"He's talented and he's motivated," said Gardner. "We knew he had talent, we saw it is practice, but you never know for sure until you see a person compete. We're trying to get the sprint crew back to where it was three or four years ago. This was a good step in that direction."

Redshirt freshman vaulter Popusoi won the pole vault soaring over the bar at 14-9. His vault was nearly three-feet better than the rest of the field.

"He may be the best vaulter we've ever had," said Gardner. "He's very athletic and he works very hard whether it's in the weight room or on the track. He wants to be very good and you can see it in everything that he does."

Popusoi did make three attempts at the school record of 15-feet 5 1/2-inches, but came up short. The record was set last winter by Garrett King, who has since graduated.

Tonelli won the high jump with a leap of 6-3 1/2-inches. Woburn's Peary and John Berdos (Wrentham) finished second and third, respectively, in the event.

Fiorello of Tewksbury, who is coming off an injury that knocked him out of the 2015 outdoor season, earned a third-place finish in the shot put with a toss of 50-2 1/2.

Here is a hint to this week's column: The player in question played at Cornell and later became better known as an actor starring in "Hill Street Blues."

**DANIEL WENSLEY** of Wakefield, a member of the WPI wrestling team, has been selected as the WPI Male Student-Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sunday, Dec. 6.

Wensley won a variety of different ways on his way to a title in 184-pound weight class at the RIT Invitational on Saturday. The rookie opened with a third-period pin in the first round before notching a 20-4 tech fall in the quarterfinals, a 15-6 major decision in the semis and a 10-3 decision over his opponent from Thiel in the finals. His gold medal performance helped the Engineers finish second at the 12-team tournament.

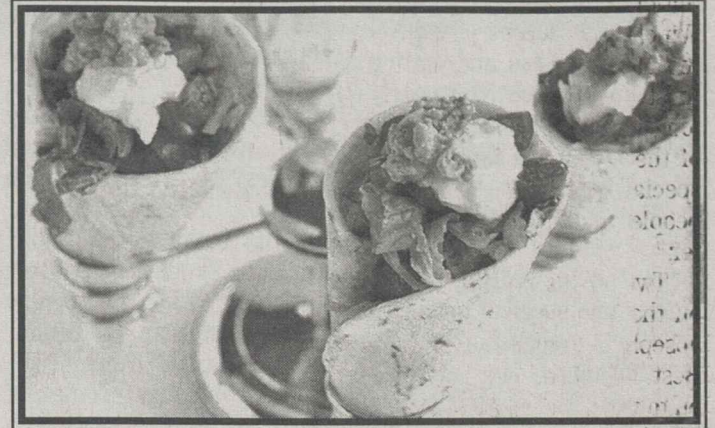
For each pin this past weekend (15), and at

## Weekly Feature



# HomeNewsHere RECIPE

## Taco Cones



Party-ready tacos that are perfect for family taco night too!

1) Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the ground beef (or turkey or chicken) and chopped onion. Brown completely, breaking up the meat as you go. Once the meat is browned throughout and the onions are soft, add the water and taco seasoning. Give everything a good stir and simmer until the liquid has evaporated. Remove from heat.

2) Warm the tortillas in the microwave for 15-30 seconds each, or until warm to touch. Working with one tortilla at a time, spread an even layer of refried beans over the entire top of the tortilla. Down the center of the tortilla, layer the rice, cheese, meat, lettuce and tomatoes, adjusting fillings to suit tastes if desired. To form a cone, hold one end of the tortilla down and roll into the bottom corner and spiraling the tortilla into a cone. Use a little of the refried beans to secure the edge in place.

3) Top with guacamole and sour cream. Enjoy!

Expert Tip: Fill these with any of your favorite taco fillings and toppings. The cones work great with almost anything!

No nutrition information available for this recipe.

## Ingredients

Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Total Time: 30 minutes  
Servings: 8

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound lean ground beef, chicken, or turkey
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 packet Old El Paso™ taco seasoning mix
- 8 Old El Paso™ Soft Taco Shells
- 1 (14 ounce) can Old El Paso™ refried beans
- 2 cups cooked white or brown rice
- 1-1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese or Mexican cheese blend
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, chopped
- Guacamole, for serving
- Sour cream, for serving

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86. • DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to sports@dailytimesinc.com or mail it to: Steve Algeri, Middlesex East Sports, 531 Main Street, Reading, MA 01867. Or leave a message for Steve at 781-933-3700 ext. 347.

## ME Santa From S-1

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## Green From S-1

nity was. I grew up in Lynn. Here I was, a blue-collar kid, black, and I was working in a town that was 99 percent white, and affluent."

As one of the few African-American cops who have worked in Winchester, he says race was "very rarely" a factor.

"Maybe, in eight years, once or twice someone treated differently because of my color," Green said. "The vast majority of people in Winchester were terrific to me. It just wasn't an issue for most people, and that goes a long way toward what I think of the town even today. It's a special place with very good people of very high character."

Two of his first influences on the Winchester force were Joseph O'Connor, and Lewis Best. All three of them went on to work for the MBTA. Best eventually became Deputy Chief of the MBTA, and he is now Captain of the Amtrak Police Dept. O'Connor rose to Superintendent-in-Chief - the #2 spot on the Transit Police force - and in 2014 was appointed the Police Chief in Concord, Mass.

"Who would think of it?" Green asked. "Three former Winchester cops who all ended up doing pretty darn good."

Green left Winchester in 1991 to join the MBTA force. He has held every rank at the

Transit Police, being assigned to mobile patrol, foot patrol, and one-man station assignments, and he was an original member of the SWAT team.

He was promoted to sergeant in 2004, then to lieutenant and Deputy Chief in 2012, and was then appointed Acting Chief. Green was chosen from 64 candidates to become the permanent Chief. He is the second African-American to serve as chief of the Transit Police, after Joseph Carter (2003-07).

He was sworn in during ceremonies at Bunker Hill Community College, attended by friends, family, colleagues and Gov. Charles Baker.

One of Green's priorities in law enforcement has been community-based collaborations. He wants to open a better dialogue with the citizens that the MBTA serves. He is the chief architect of the MBTA's "Think About It First" concept, an innovative strategy that targets youth and has been duplicated on a national level. Young people on the verge of bad behavior are handed cards that list the consequences that may occur if they are arrested.

"First of all, we (at the Transit Police) need to let people know who we are," Green said. "Some of them think we're security guards. We need to let them know our role, our jurisdiction and our responsibilities, and most



importantly we want them to know our expectations.

"Young people are just like adults. They want to be treated with respect, and if you give them that, they'll give it in return," Green added. "It's also important for them to know what the consequences are of their actions. At the same time, we don't want to go around arresting people for offenses that we can just as easily talk them through."

"We don't want to be bad guys. We don't want to have to put something on someone's record that might spoil their chances of getting into school, or landing a good job down the road," he added.

Developing communication with the public is a tool MBTA Transit Police Chief Kenneth Green acquired very early in his career in Winchester. Many of the lessons he learned as a young cop on the beat have lasted with him today, even as he ascended to the top of the MBTA Transit Police.

## Tewksbury Library "Movie Month"

### Located at 300 Chandler Street, Tewksbury

Your favorite TV show in reruns? Need to escape the holiday madness? Watch this summer's Hollywood blockbusters at the Tewksbury Public Library this December!

The below film screenings are free and include complimentary candy and bottled water:

On Thursday, December 17 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of *The Maze Runner - Scorch Trials*, a PG-13-rated sci-fi action thriller, starring Dylan O'Brien. After having escaped the Maze, the Gladers now face a new set of challenges on the open roads of a desolate landscape filled with unimaginable obstacles.

On Friday, December 18 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of *Ted 2*, an R-rated raunchy comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg. Newlywed couple Ted and Tami-Lynn want to have a baby, but in order to qualify to be a parent, Ted will have to prove he's a person in a court of law.

On Tuesday, December 22 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of *Black Mass*, an R-rated biographical crime drama, starring Johnny Depp. The true story of Whitey Bulger, the brother of a state senator and the most infamous violent criminal in the history of South Boston, who became an FBI informant to take down a Mafia family invading his turf.

On Wednesday, December

23 at 10:30am, enjoy a screening of *Fantastic 4*, a PG-13-rated sci-fi action adventure, starring Miles Teller, Michael B. Jordan, Kate Mara, and Jamie Bell. Four young outsiders teleport to an alternate and dangerous universe which alters their physical form in shocking ways. The four must learn to harness their new abilities and work together to save Earth from a former friend turned enemy.

On Tuesday, December 29 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of *A Walk In The Woods*, an R-rated adventure, starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte, based on the Bill Bryson bestselling book. After spending two decades in England, Bill Bryson returns to the U.S., where he decides the best way to connect with his homeland is to hike the Appalachian Trail with one of his oldest friends.

On Wednesday, December 30 at 10:30am, enjoy a screening of *Pan*, a PG-rated adventure fantasy, starring Levi Miller and Hugh Jackman. 12-year-old orphan Peter is spirited away to the magical world of Neverland, where he finds both fun and danger, and ultimately discovers his destiny - to become the hero who will be forever known as Peter Pan.

Screenings are open to all ages, but we ask parents to be mindful of each film's rating. All attendees are expected to be able to sit still during the entire film and not be disruptive to fellow moviegoers.

All film screenings take place in the library's first-floor, handicap-accessible Meeting Room.

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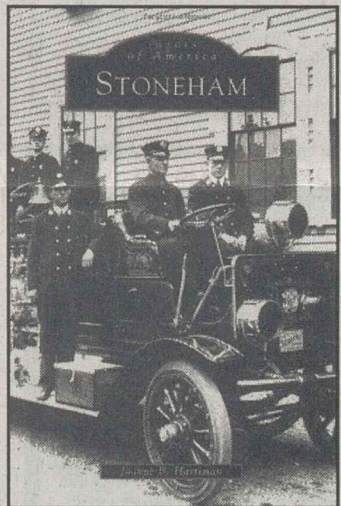
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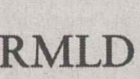
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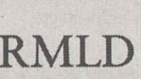
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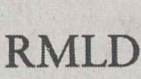
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12 MASSACHUSETTS RD was sold to Ann D & Brian Santos by Brian J & Laura I Quinn for \$368,000  
100 PLEASANT ST #21 was sold to John R Albani by Eric & Jessica Carmody for \$267,400  
62 QUAIL RUN #62 was sold to Rosana Paribello by Agnes A Dalton for \$257,000  
580 SHAWSHEEN ST was sold to Richard M Filosi by David Quealey Est & Susan Hines for \$150,000  
12 YORKSHIRE DR #12 was sold to Charbel M Dabhour & Kristina Pittella by Bella Woods LLC for \$449,890

### WAKEFIELD

2 BLOSSOM ST #1 was sold to Laura Erb & Thomas W Miklavic by Thirumal R Aluka & Padmini Boonapalli for \$515,000  
5 CHARLES ST #2 was sold to Adrien A Pike & Joseph D Sparr by Lance L & Susan A Bourque by \$329,900  
5 GOULD ST was sold to Kelly J Lynch-Williams by James T Lynch for \$550,000  
1 MEMORY LN was sold to Zackary S & Kira E Armstrong by Sylvia E White for \$695,000  
8 PARTRIDGE LN was sold to Kathleen & Craig Bradford by 8 Partridge Lane RT for Robert E Scott for \$699,900  
64 RENWICK RD was sold to Stephen & LaurenCotter by Whelchel FT & Alice W Popp for \$377,000  
84 SPRING ST was sold to Kenneth LGroppi & Shannon Webb by Ramon & Holly Perez for \$624,500  
234 WATER ST #304 was sold to Brianna Flaherty by Joseph A Defabritiis for \$224,000  
14 WHITE CIR was sold to Michael & Katherine Corey by Edith G Gallagher Est & Dianne M Carisella for \$495,000

### WILMINGTON

47 ANDOVER ST was sold to Asset Redevelopment Corp by 47 Andover Street RT & John LMercier for \$199,500  
5 FACTORY RD was sold to Ryan Majewski & Michelle Repoli by Prochamp Realty LLC for \$458,000  
4 KAJIN WAY was sold to Peter J & Tammy L Soper by Four Kajan Way RT & Mark A Smith by \$689,900  
41 LAWRENCE ST was sold to Nathan P Parisi & Sara E Faulkner by Tomomi Kawamoto for \$410,000  
27 MILL RD was sold to Keith R & Melissa A Erickson by William T & Pamela H Treddin for \$759,900  
49 TOWPATH DR was sold Robert Pustizzi & Maria J Graffeo-Pustizzi & Noel & Sharon W Baratta for \$650,000

### WINCHESTER

16 ARTHUR ST was sold to Kin-Sang Cho & Pui-King Leung by Daniel & Dori A Albert for \$890,000  
5 CLEVELAND RD was sold to Manish & SampadaTewari by Seaver Properties LLC for \$865,000  
32 GRAYSON RD was sold to Stephen M Zuber & Jill A Bell by Anthony R & Louise T Donlon for \$780,000  
23 MYOPIA RD was sold to Gia T Ton & Oanh T Nguyen by C Gail & Roy C Greenwald for

\$1,257,000  
62 OXFORD ST was sold to John& Amy Melillo by Karl P & Patricia S Fryzel for \$1,485,000  
11 UPLAND RD was sold to MingSun & Qi Fan by Paula E Kenney for \$739,000  
3 WINDSONG LN was sold to Keith & Judith A Cox by Daniel J & Angela D McCartney for \$1,250,000

### WOBURN

44 BEACH ST was sold to Nickolai Alpatov & Alice Aizenshtein by Kathleen A Thwaites for \$392,000  
8 BEACH TER was sold to Atlantic Power Cleaning by Mary E Donohoe for \$370,000  
7 CARLENA TER was sold to Carlena Terrace RT & David L McCarthy by Deborah G Douglis & Douglas A Greenland for\$270,000  
3 COYNE DR was sold to Ronald Majocha-Moulton by Danny Q Bui for \$675,000  
36 DUREN AVE was sold to Eric M Silva & Kelly E Adams by Daniel L Fischbach for \$435,000  
116 GARFIELD AVE was sold to Philip & Deborah White by BGL Custom Homes LLC for \$640,000  
4 HAWK RD was sold to Anne Zammattio by Edward M & Christine A Ronan for \$452,000  
550 MAIN ST was sold to Woburn Realty LLC by 14 Johnson Street LLC for \$710,000  
45 MERRIMAC ST #3A was sold to Lynn Rynkowski by MichelleDonegan for \$242,000  
54 MISHAWUM RD was sold to MelissaTetreau by Anne Zammattio by \$365,000  
226 PLACE LN #226 was sold to Melissa M Christerson by Barry FT & Thomas W Barry for \$309,000  
106 PLEASANT ST was sold to Armando S & Isabel C Pinheiro by Soares FT & Joseph Soares for \$515,000  
3 PRINCETON RD was sold to Marnetto A & Kristen P Lampedecchio & Patricia Rideout by \$325,000  
35 PROSPECT ST #314 was sold to CCW RT & Frederick C Cialdea by Christopher T Foley for \$148,000  
9 ROBINSON RD was sold to Scott L Fontaine,by Thomas B Vogel Est & Kathleen S McGowan for \$383,000  
332 RUSSELL ST was sold to Natalie Duteau by Richard W & Jennifer Markussen for \$376,000  
485 RUSSELL ST was sold to Sarwar Siddiqui & Suboohi Mirza by Filomena M Polen Est & Paul Tortalano for \$320,000  
9 SALEM AVE was sold to 9 Salem Avenue LLC by Michael & Kathryn J Massiglia for \$360,000

### LYNNFIELD

1-R BROADWAY was sold to Newbury Peabody RT & Kenneth W Hecht by Stratford RT & Virginia R Baghdady for \$1,650,000  
3 COLEMAN AVE was sold to Stephen R Raffael by Sandra J Raffael T & Stephen R Raffael for \$182,875  
42 PILLINGS POND RD was sold to Anthony & Thap George by Carol E & Richard FNewton for \$520,000  
11 TRICKETT RD was sold to Michael C & Danielle M Damelio by Carol A Farina IRT & Lisa M Farina for \$485,000

# Kids' Conservation Cinema offers free movies in December

Looking for something fun to do with the kids on a Sunday afternoon this winter? Why not head over to the visitor center at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge to watch a free family-friendly film on the big screen, in the comfort of the visitor center auditorium. The visitor center is located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike in Newburyport (opposite Mass Audubon at Joppa Flats). No preregistration for these programs. Parents/guardians must remain with their children. Auditorium seating is limited to the first 85 people who show up!

On Sunday, December 20th at 1:30 pm: Dolphin Tale: In an inspirational story of the bond between animals and humans, a boy named Sawyer discovers an injured dolphin, who is brought to a marine hospital and named Winter. Unfortunately, her injuries cost Winter her tail, without which she may not survive. But with Sawyer's devotion, a marine biologist's expertise and the brilliance of a prosthetist charged with creating a new tail, Winter may receive a second chance at life (2011; rated PG; run time: 113 mins.)

## Renters From S-8

percent of all renters.

The share of renters being financially burdened has dropped from their 2011 peak, but their total numbers continue to climb.

Construction has done little

to ease the problem. Permitting for multifamily construction has increased a robust 17 percent this year.

But the median rent on a newly built apartment was \$1,372 a month in 2014, about \$500 more a month than what about half of renters could afford without being financially

burdened.

Much of the apartment construction has catered to wealthier households looking to live near restaurants, parks, gyms and offices. The number of rental households earning in excess of \$100,000 has risen by 1.6 million in previous decade.

Even people with decent incomes between \$30,000 and \$44,999 can't keep up with the rent in the wealthiest markets. More than 70 percent of renters at this income level are classified as financially burdened in Washington, DC, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York City and Miami.

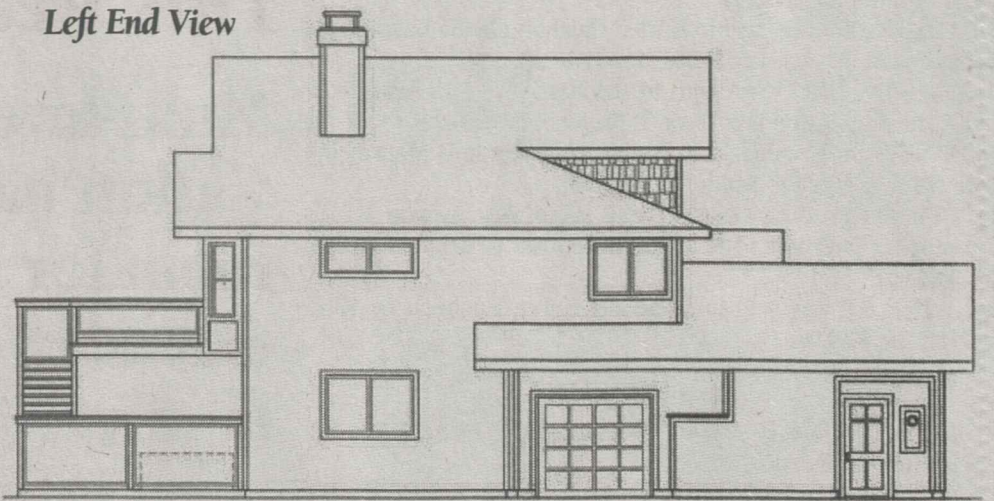
"We've gotten ourselves into a deep hole — and it's not going to be easy to get out of it," Herbert said. "We expect the affordability problem will persist."

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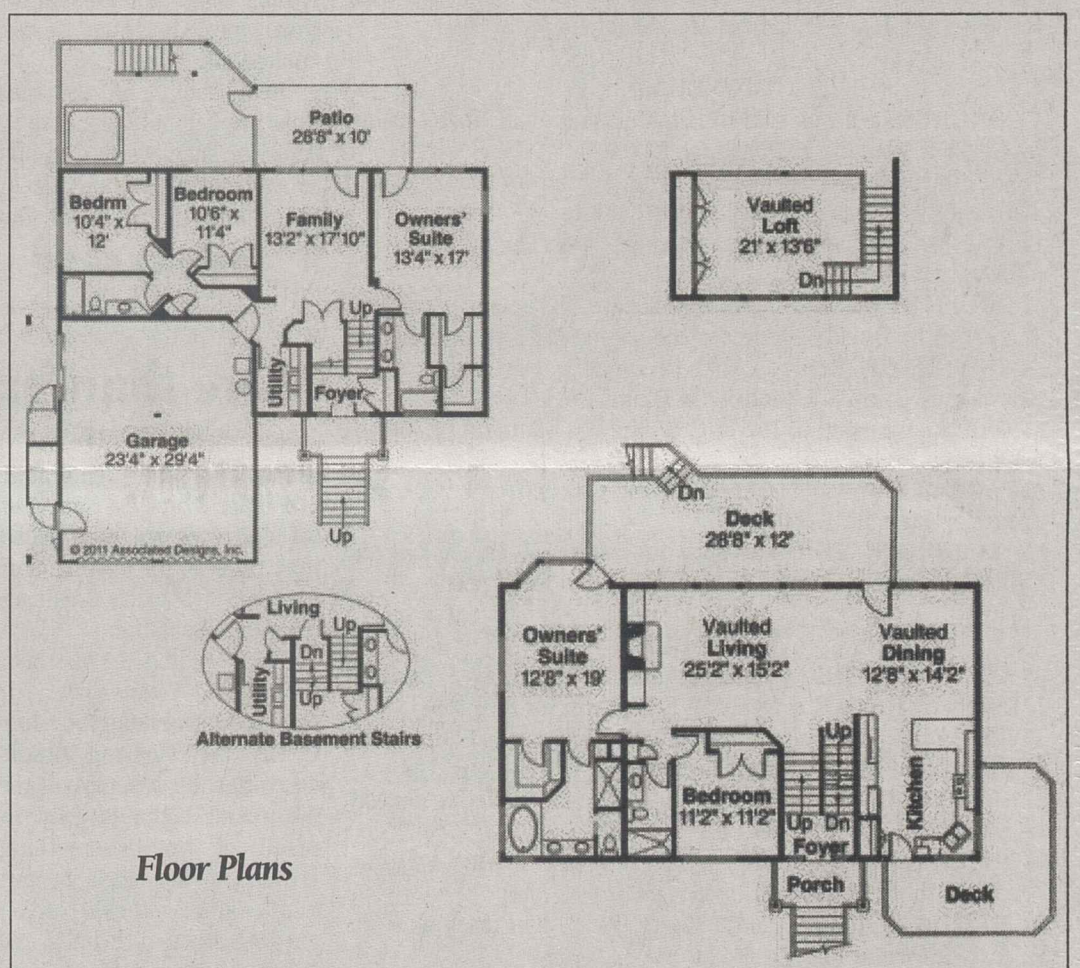
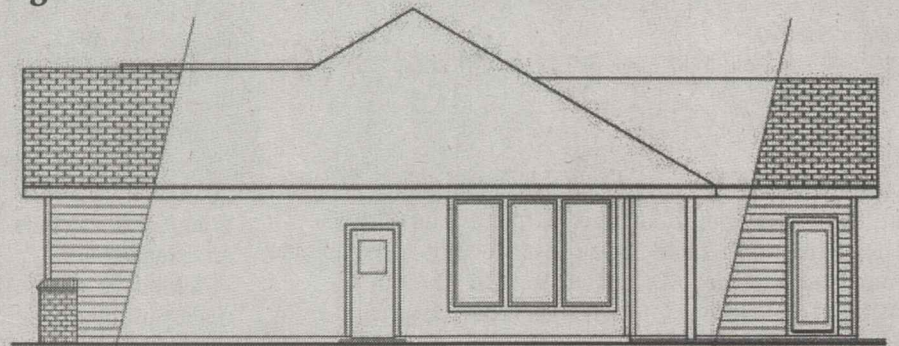


# Middlesex East Real Estate

Left End View



Right End View



## Sampler From S-8

together and access a large elevated deck. Shelves and cabinets flank the fieldstone fireplace.

A smaller deck adjoins the large kitchen. Imagine sipping your morning coffee here, or enjoying a leisurely lunch and siesta. Plants flourish in the

bright corner where the kitchen sink faces out across the deck, and the room boasts plenty of storage and counter space.

Expanded by a wide window bay, the main level master suite is bright and luxurious. Amenities include: a walk-in closet, spa tub, oversized shower, double vanity and private

toilet. The lower level master bathroom is less luxurious, but closet space is nearly double.

Utilities are on the Catkin's lower floor, adjacent to the garage, bedrooms and family room. A patio and deck add to the outdoor living space. The deck houses a large hot tub, and a stairway to the upper deck.

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 59 CENTER ST #301 was sold to Francis W & Mary T Smith by Jane Beard for \$219,311  
 25 CRESTHAVEN DR was sold to Nam H & Deborah J Kim by Roberto J & Karen Bonanno for \$595,000  
 7 HALLMARK GDNS #1 was sold to Thomas W Bannister by Usha R Rana for \$175,000  
 4 LARSON CIR was sold to Kurt C Chisholm by Samatis FT & Amanthw M Tsaros for \$420,000  
 8 LARSON CIR was sold to Richard W & Jennifer K Markussen by Ralph A & Irene P Nadeau for \$480,000  
 15 PONTOS AVE was sold to Paul J & Stephanie D Mackey by Francis W & Mary T Smith for \$440,000  
 19 WINMERE AVE was sold to 19 Winnmere Avenue RT & Christopher B Cronin & Beatrice Reece Est & Brian D Reece for \$365,000  
 214 WINN ST was sold to Robert & Karen Bonanno by Kim Gerrior for \$800,000

## NORTH READING

28 ABBOTT RD was sold to Douglas E & Melissa LAgo by Christ Shomos for \$400,000  
 12 LOWELL RD was sold to Deutsche Bank Natl T Co by Christopher & Donna Wadden for \$200,000  
 160 MAIN ST was sold to Mangu RT & Saurabh Patel & NEB Realty LLC for \$2,200,000  
 46 MAIN ST #16 was sold to Dusan Milasinovic bt Pasquale & Mary Squillante for \$175,000  
 4 NORTH ST was sold to Joshua Bornstein by Phillip E & Katie A-Nash for \$401,000  
 37 PARK ST was sold to 37 Park St LLC by Anthony T & Sandra M Laudate for \$332,500

## READING

83 FAIRCHILD DR was sold to Sean F & Maryann C Seefeldt by Matthew M Mackoul & Judith A Carpentier for \$940,000  
 160 HOPKINS ST #1005 was sold to Louie & Elaine Mastromarino by Andrew D Berman for \$317,000  
 56 LOCUST ST was sold to Thomas & Marketa Rejtar by Dennis J Frazier for \$682,500  
 116 LOWELL ST was sold to John & Terry Kingery by Anson Builders Inc for \$20,000  
 11 MORGAN PARK was sold to Jay M Allston & Elizabeth Dever-Allston by RJJLTL RT for James RLinehan for \$400,000  
 186 SALEM ST was sold to Brian R & Frances D Boyle by Dana R Messenger Est & Dwight B Messenger for \$379,900

## STONEHAM

1 CONGRESS ST was sold to HimanshuYadav & Navjot Saini by Kevin & Michelle P Mason for \$394,000  
 1 DRUMMOND RD was sold to Brian & Lindsay Blumsack by Timothy S & Monique G Day for \$522,000  
 12 FATIMA RD was sold to Ann M Federico by Grace E Jakubowicz for \$530,000  
 51 GOULD ST was sold to Michael Sabato-Terranova & Lindsay Terranova by David ESKidmore & Suzanne H Flint for \$320,000  
 54 GOVERNOR RD was sold to Danielle Carter & James Knowles by Brian S & Lindsay M Blumsack for \$450,000  
 54 OAK ST was sold to David C & Janet R Manning by Marie A Marasca for \$420,000  
 64 PARK AVE was sold to Anna Poroskey by Jeffrey Irvin & Jill Tremblay-Irvin for \$489,000  
 36 TAMAROCK TER was sold to Youssef J Habbouche & Cynthia P Sfeir by Ming LWang & Ying Bao for \$728,000

## TEWKSBURY

47 ALGONQUIN DR was sold to Allison E Zwaskha & Andrea L Eberly by Bruce E & Deborah E Zawacki for \$332,000  
 55 DANIELLE DR was sold to Jeffrey J & Kerry K Slattery by Patricia A & Sean E Murphy for \$535,000  
 172 FERNCROFT RD was sold to American Marketing Invest by Structured Asset for \$269,761  
 75 HERITAGE DR #75 was sold to Dibyendu & Mita Paul by Ankur & Anuradha Zindal for \$246,000  
 52 JILLS WAY #52 was sold to Torry Gundy by Christopher M & Christie Wright for \$444,000  
 51 JUNIPER LN #51 was sold to Maulik & Sonam Kapadia by

Transfers to S-7

# Middlesex East Real Estate

## This week's Sampler: Catkin

### Multi-level Catkin has room for extended family

Interesting and unusual, the Catkin is a multi-level lodge plan with a Craftsman bungalow flavor. Handsome field-stone entry pillars, and low gables with decorative shakes and gable-end detailing hark back to the early 1900s. Elevated decks update the design.

Having two master suites, four bathrooms, and three additional bedrooms, this plan is an ideal vacation home for an extended family.

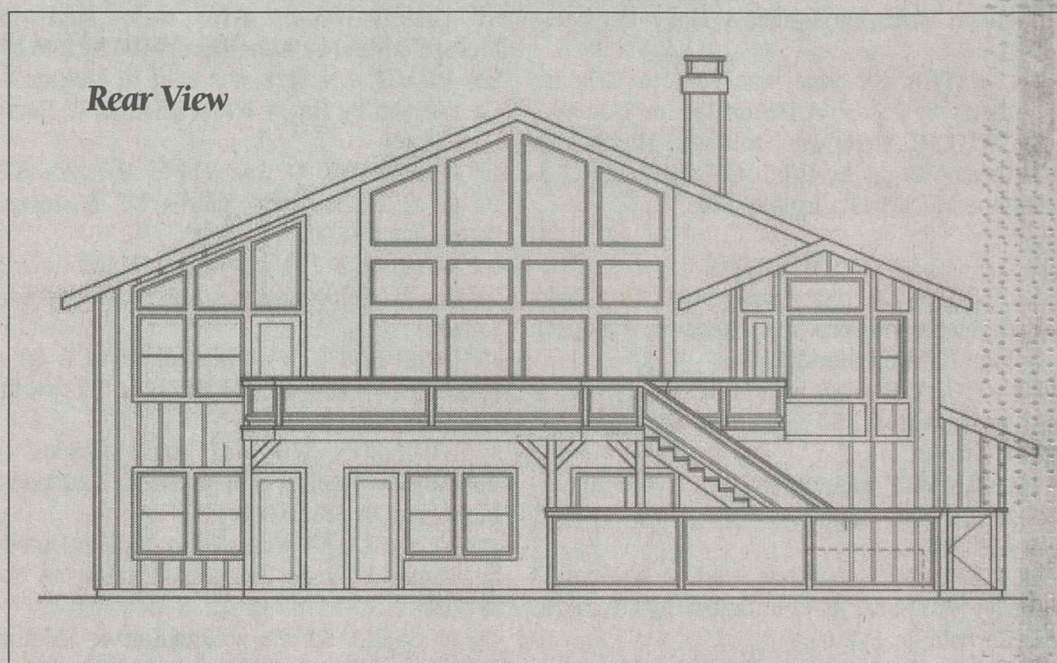
From the foyer it's a half-flight up to the main floor and a half-flight down to the ground floor. A parade of windows sparkling across the rear walls on both levels provides stunning vistas and natural illumination. More windows at the third level brighten a cozy vaulted loft.

Rear rooms on the main floor are vaulted, adding to the sense of spaciousness, similar to a Chalet house plan. Living room and dining room flow

Sampler To S-7



THIS LODGE STYLE HOUSE PLAN FEATURES IMPRESSIVE stone supports and low gables with stickwork which accent this tri-level plan. Main floor includes vaulted living & dining rooms a, half-flight up; three bedrooms, plus utility and large family room, half-flight down.



Rear View

## More than half of U.S. renters are older than the age of 40

WASHINGTON (AP) — The majority of U.S. renters are now older than 40, a fundamental shift over the past decade that reflects the lasting damage of the housing crash and an aging population.

This finding in a report released Wednesday by Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies overturns the assumption that the rental boom is only the result of twenty-somethings flocking to hip urban centers. Single-family houses are a growing share of rentals. And affordability problems are mounting as rents rise faster than wages, while apartment construction increasingly tar-

gets tenants with six-figure incomes.

Nearly 51 percent of renters have celebrated their 40th birthday, according to the report's analysis of Census Bureau data. That amounts to 22.4 million households.

A decade ago when the housing bubble peaked in 2005, 47 percent of renters — or 16.4 million households — were older than 40. Their share was 43 percent in 1995.

The increase in older renters corresponds with a surge in foreclosures after the housing bubble popped. Since the 2008 financial triggered by the housing bust, there have been roughly 6 million complet-

ed foreclosures, according to CoreLogic, a property data firm.

Many of these are former owners transitioned to renting.

"Middle-aged households in particular bore a big brunt of the housing crash," said Christopher Herbert, managing director of Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies.

But Herbert also noted that more of the baby boomers born after World War II are growing older, which has also caused sharp increases in the number of renters between the ages of 55 and 69 during the past 10 years. During that same period, the United States has added a total of 9 million renters —

including younger millennials recent out of college.

But demand has outpaced supply and caused prices to rise.

Rents increased 7 percent between 2001 and 2014 after adjusting for inflation, while incomes fell 9 percent, the report said.

The result is that a larger number of Americans must devote more than 30 percent of their income to rent, a level that the government considers to be financially burdensome. Over the past decade, that number has jumped from 14.8 million to 21.3 million, or 49

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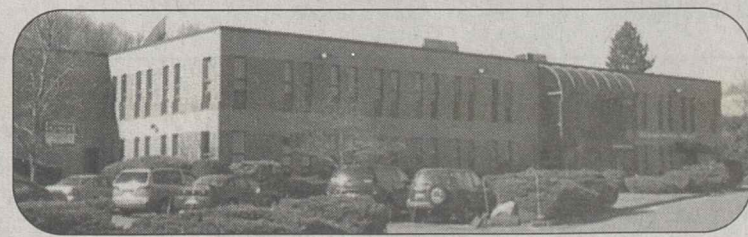
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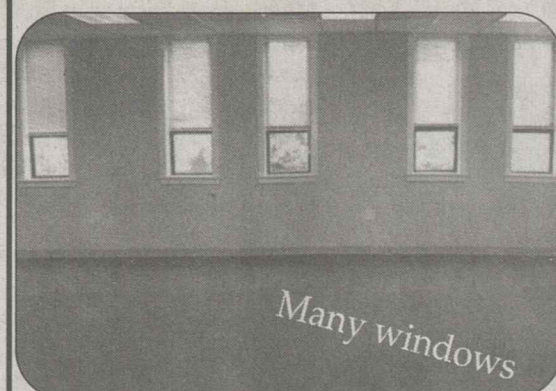
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